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President's Message

We hope that you had a good holiday, were able to spend time with your families, and made memories to cherish. The rushing around and gatherings of the holidays are over, and now we settle back in our normal daily lives. During the winter days, we have a chance to get back to our family research.

A recent Associated Press article "Family Medical History Called 'Best Kept Secret' in Care," written by Lauran Neergaard, strongly advises each of us to add a family tree to our medical records. The subtitle, "Uncovering all the diseases that lurk in your family tree can trump costly genetic testing in predicting what illnesses you may face," almost says it all. The author continued by quoting research that has found that a "family health history" can be effective "in predicting what illnesses you and your children are likely to face."

So now is the time to get out the death certificates that you have collected. Make a new family chart, entering the causes of death. Expand that by entering other illnesses experienced by your relatives. Talk with your parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins to get all the information that you can. Look for patterns of illnesses which might predict a future problem. The more information you have, the better you can inform your doctor.

The U. S. Surgeon General operates a free website https://familyhistory.hhs.gov that helps people create a family health history. Compile yours! Share the information!

Sue Evans Powell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Meeting Room, January 25th
7:00 PM

Please join us for our next meeting on January 25th at the library. Ask at the reception desk for directions.

Following the business session, Carroll Arthur will present "50th Year Memorial Visit by Next of Kin in and near the Crash Site," (KB29J ACFT Refueler Crash in Alaska on 27 Dec 1956, with 8 casualities)

Among the casualties was a native Wilson County crewman, 1st Lt. Luther Gene Lamm, son of Luther Anderson Lamm and Eula May Longley Lamm, husband of Cora Alice Bass Lamm, father of two daughters, Barbara A. Lamm and Nancy Jean Lamm, and brother of Romona Dare Lamm Barnes.

L. Gene Lamm grew up in the Lamm Crossroad area near Lucama, attended Lucama High School, graduated in 1948 with honors for his participation in many activities, and attended N. C. State University prior to servng his country in the U. S. Air Force.

The presentation will include several pictures and articles including the next of kin's visit to Alaska on 25 Jun 06.

2011 DUES

Dues are now being accepted for 2011. If dues are not paid by the end of January, members may not receive any additional issues of *Trees of Wilson.* until they are paid.

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JOSHUA LAWRENCE

Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers of the United States
(Published in 1909, Reprinted in 1984)
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Lawrence, Elder Joshua was a native of North Carolina. He was a great sinner but found a great Saviour, who called him by His grace and made him one of the ablest and boldest ministers of the New Testament in modern times. For more than forty years he advocated powerfully and fearlessly, both from pulpit and press, liberty of conscience, the specialty, spirituality and efficacy of God's salvation, and the unscripturalness and corruption of all the money-based religious institutions of the nineteenth century notwithstanding storms of slander and vituperation, and threats against his life, and, during the latter part of his life, great physical debility and suffering. He was profoundly acquainted with the scripture and church history. Few men could command larger audiences, or so entertain the attention of hearers. He was sometimes known, while asleep, to give out a hymn, sing, pray and preach a long sermon, without remembering anything of it when he awoke. He was pastor of several churches. His church at Tarboro experienced in his last days, a glorious revival for which he had long prayed.

He was born in Edgecombe County, September 10, 1778, and died in the same county, January 23, 1843, was reared on a farm and had not the advantages of a liberal education, united with the church in early manhood and began preaching at the age of twenty-three. He was a member

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SPOTTED FEVER VICTIM SUCCUMBS

W*ilson Daily Times*, August 7, 1938
Contributed by Carol McKeel Forbes

17 Year Old Mary Alice Harrell, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrell, Wilson County Family, Dies in Local Hospital Sunday From Bite of Wood Tick.

A 17-year-old Wilson County girl died in a local hospital yesterday afternoon just 15 days after she was bitten on the back of the neck by a wood tick carrying the Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

The girl, Mary Alice Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrell, was bitten by the tick on Thursday two weeks ago and was taken sick the following Saturday.

It is Wilson County's first spotted fever death, though several cases have been reported in the last few years in the county.

The disease has been reported in several places in the state this year and in the last several years has made much headway east of the Mississippi, where it is believed to have come with WPA cattle.

Deceased is survived by her parents and two brothers, Jonas Davis and William Ernest Harrell. Funeral services were held from the home this afternoon at 4:30 and were conducted by the Rev. N. E. Gresham. Interment was in the Edwards Cemetery.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MISS HARRELL

Funeral services for Miss Mary Alice Harrell, were held from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harrell in Gardners Township, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with a large number of relatives and friends gathering to pay final tribute. Rev. L. B. Manning conducted the services and interment was made in the Edwards Cemetery, near Crisp.

Pallbearers were Luther and Conway Bridgers, Gray Horton, Richard Webb, Fred Lewis and Curtis Owens, Jr. Flower bearers were: Misses Dorothy Bridgers, Irene Winstead, Virginia Jefferson, Hazel and Agnes Moore, Blanche Bridgers, Charlotte Thomas, Adel Etheridge, Myrtle Wiggs and Lucille Proctor.

Miss Harrell died Sunday afternoon in a local hospital where she had been suffering from spotted fever for several weeks.

[Contributor's note: The death certificate, filed September 5, 1938, of Mary Alice Harrell gave her residence as Elm City, Rt. #1, date of birth as April 8, 1921, death August 7, 1938, her parents as Jonas and Nancy Ann Harrell, and place and cause of death as Woodard-Herring Hospital from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever from onset on July 22nd, 1938, Hunt Funeral Home, undertaker.

She was buried in the Harrell-Webb Community Cemetery, Old Sparta Township, opposite the Harrells cemetery on State Road 1611, Carr Farm Road, in Edgecombe County. The inscription on her grave marker reads, "Mary Alice Harrell, Dau. of J. E. & N. A. Harrell, B: Apr. 7, 1921, D: 1939. *Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. I*, Compiled by the Edgecombe County Genealogical Society, 2008]

SIDNEY RUFUS ALLEY AND FAMILY

Contributed by Albert R. Page, Sr.

Introduction

The Alley family originated before 1860 in eastern Virginia. Sources state that Alamance and Buckingham Counties and Petersburg, Virginia, were early homes of this family.[1] Some good news influenced the Alley family to move south by at least 1860 when the official census recorder enumerated them in Wilson County, N. C. At that time the R. D. Alley family included father Richard, his wife Elderena and two very young sons, Richard L. and Sidney.[2]

Richard Dabney Alley and wife Ella Reeves

The parents of Sidney Rufus Alley, Richard and Ella Alley, decided after his birth in 1859 to move to the small town of Wilson, North Carolina, likely because there were better opportunities for a builder in the carpentry trade in this rural town which would grow in time as the relatively new Wilmington-Weldon Railroad would soon bring some prosperity to that area. By at least the 16th of June in 1860, the Alleys were reported living and working in Wilson, N. C. Father Richard Alley was 27 years old and Elderena A. Alley was 26 years of age.[3] The first son Richard Littleton Alley was reported as being born in 1856, and Sidney Rufus Alley was less than a year old as he had just been born on the 30th of November 1859, in Petersburg, Virginia.[4] Richard Alley and Ella Reeves were married about 1854 maybe in Petersburg, Virginia.[5]

The Civil War thrust itself upon North Carolina, Virginia, and the other Confederate States by 1861 and interrupted the normal flow of life. Richard D. Alley may have been in the War as a Richard D. L. Alley was reported in *The North Carolina Troops, Vol. II* as having served in Cavalry Companies H of the 7th Regiment and F of the 16th Regiment and was paroled in Goldsboro, N. C., on the 1st of May in 1865.[6] The lack of personal information in this source makes it uncertain that this was the Richard Alley here under study.

During the war years (1861-1865), Richard and Ella had one and possibly two more children. William J. Alley, most often referred to as "Willie Alley," was born in 1862. About the end of the war in 1865 or a little later, their first daughter Anna E. Alley was born. She was most often called "Annie Alley." Before the 1870 Wilson County Census, there were other children born to Richard and Ella Alley. In 1868 Ella may have had twins born to her as a Virginia and a Walter appear to have been born in those years according to the 1870 and 1880 Wilson County Census. Also in the 1860's, another son named Branch was born in 1869.[7] No surviving record of these children were found by this writer after 1880. Charles R. Alley was born into this family in 1874, and the following year or so the last child, Wesley G. Alley was born to Richard and Ella Alley.[8] Plenty of records were found on these two sons over the next forty or more years.

Richard Dabney Alley and Ella Reeves Alley appeared in the 1900 Wilson County Census together for the last time.[9] No graves were found in Wilson County for either in the normal sources. Ella died by 1902 according to an Edgecombe County marriage record of that year when son Sidney R. Alley married Lelia Keech in Tarboro, N. C.[10] Richard D. Alley was listed in the Wilson City Directory for 1908-1909 as a contractor living at 400 East Barnes Street.[11] He was not found in the 1910 Census. Recent information discovered by Genealogy & Local History Librarian Traci Thompson of the Braswell Library in Rocky Mount, N. C., revealed that R. D. Alley died in Dillon, South Carolina, on the 27th of December 1916. The 1900 D. C. Census indicated that other Alley members were more interested in moving north than south.[12]

Sidney Rufus Alley

Sidney Alley first appeared in the 1860 Wilson County Census as the one year old son of Richard and Elderena Alley. He was next recorded in the 1870 Wilson County Census as an eleven year old in the household of Richard and Ella Alley in Wilson, N. C. By the 1880 Wilson County Census, Sidney was 21 years old, and evidence from the Census of that year indicates Sidney Rufus Alley had taken on a life long responsibility for his future economic well-being. The Census of 1880 recorded his profession as "photographer".[13] He had acquired, in the very recent year or two, qualifications to be recognized as a professional photographer. His father may have sent him to Baltimore, Maryland, or another place to learn the trade that would support him well for the rest of his life. One source stated, "Mr. S. R. Alley started business in 1872 and for eight years traveled the State."[14] Sidney may have been an apprentice to an experienced photographer when he was quite young. It is not clear at this time when, where and how he qualified himself for the photography trade. What is clear is that he was in Wilson by 1880 and working in his profession.[15] He must have done well and business was plentiful, as he took in a partner Francis Marion Winstead early in the 1880's. Alley may have trained Winstead in their early years together. Their business was called the A & W Photo Gallery in Wilson. They were excellent in their trade and additional opportunities presented themselves to Alley and Winstead as they expanded their photography business to Tarboro, N. C. and maybe elsewhere too. By 1887 S. R. Alley sold out his Wilson partnership to Marion Winstead and thereafter devoted his time largely to the Tarboro studio.[16]

Sidney Rufus Alley's Person Life

It was about the time Sidney Alley sold to Winstead his partnership in Wilson that, at age 28, he married for the first time. The Wilson County Courthouse records reveal that on the 24th of November 1887, at Wilson, Sid R. Alley married 21 year old Annie B. Hudson, the daughter of E. T. and Anna E. Hudson.[17] Twenty months into the marriage on the 20th of July 1889, Annie Hudson Alley died, and Sidney Alley buried her in Wilson's new Maplewood Cemetery. Sidney secured for Annie a very nice headstone

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which stands over her grave today marking her earthly remains.[18]

Sometime after moving to Tarboro to operate his photo studio, he met 22 year old Susan R. Knight, daughter of the late W. H. Knight and A. E. Knight. They wed in Tarboro at the home of R. H. Rowe on the 1st of April 1891.[19] Fate was not kind to Sidney Alley as second wife Susan Knight Alley died twenty seven months into the marriage. She did give birth to a son Sidney Rufus Alley, Jr., in August of 1892. Young Sidney, Jr., failed to survive beyond about six years of age as he died on the 21st of June 1898. Both Susan and her son were buried by Sidney, Sr., in the downtown Tarboro Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.[20]

One would think after this dreadful luck in marriage and family, Sidney Alley would have called enough was enough, but, obviously that is not human nature. On the 2nd of December 1902, after 33 year old widow Lelia Shaw Keech came into his studio to be photographed, they developed a friendship that turned into love.[21] They were married in Tarboro, in the home of the bride. Sidney R. Alley was 43 years old at this third marriage.[22] No evidence was found by this writer that Sidney and Lelia Alley ever had any children.[23]

No record was found in the Wilson County Courthouse that indicated S. R. Alley had ever owned property there. However, in the Edgecombe County Courthouse the record there indicates that in 1904 on the 9th of September Sidney and Lelia Alley purchased from merchant David and his wife Hannah Zander Lictenstein, who had moved to Richmond, Virginia, their very nice and large home at 900 Main Street, in Tarboro, N. C. In 1913 the Alleys evidently added an additional lot to their original home place.[24]

Sidney Alley appears to have operated his photographic business alone except for a short period when he sold his studio to Orren W. Turner in 1907 but soon returned to the business as a partner until Turner, in April of 1908, moved to Wilson and bought Francis Marion Winstead's gallery when Winstead retired.[25] Alley continued to operate his studio in Tarboro until 1918. The Edgecombe County Courthouse records indicate that Sidney and Lelia Alley sold their home on 900 Main Street on the 2nd of January 1918, to Martha E. Weaver, the wife of J. B. Weaver. The selling price was $5,500.00.[26]

The Washington, D.C., Years

One might wonder why photographer Sidney R. Alley and wife Lelia Shaw Alley decided to move to Washington, D. C., and open a photographic business there. After this writer researched the family of Richard Dabney Alley, father of Sidney, the census records beginning in 1900 for the District of Columbia indicated that Sidney's brother Charles R. Alley and family had moved there to work and in due time older brother Richard L. Alley and his family also moved north to Washington to work. The youngest Alley brother, Wesley G., who was a photographer also, moved there to ply his trade in the Capital City.[27] It seems obvious to this writer that Sidney's brothers had some influence which resulted in his moving to D. C. There likely were other motives also. The photographic opportunity there would be greater and likely much more exciting. Reports indicate that S. R. Alley was an excellent photographer and conducted his business in a very professional manner. He had been a successful photographer for about 40 years therefore his confidence level likely was such that he knew he could succeed very well among the Washington, D. C., trade.

The Alleys can be found in the District of Columbia census records beginning in 1900. Gradually as the Alley brothers and their families moved from Wilson, N. C., to Washington, D. C., by 1920 four of them were there in their new living area. With Sidney R. and Lelia Shaw Alley's move from Edgecombe County, they were the last of the Alley family to move north, and they are found on the 1920 District of Columbia Census records living and working there. By the 1930 census report for Washington, D. C., some significant changes in the Alley family had taken place. The census report for that year listed Richard Littleton Alley, but it stated in the collection of records that he had just died on the 14th of April in 1930.[28] Also, youngest brother Wesley G. Alley and his wife Lottie L. Alley (this was the first time a wife was listed for 54 year old Wesley) were living in Baltimore, Maryland. Wesley, it was stated, was now a newspaper photographer.[29] In the D. C. Census record of 1930, Sidney R. Alley was listed as 70 years old, but he still had a "photographic studio." Lelia Shaw Alley was by this time listed as 54 years old. They lived in a $9,000.00 home and had rented out space for boarders.[30] Their home was recorded as 1474 Harvard Street.[31] The 1940 U. S. Census has not been released to the public therefore the conditions and characteristics of Sidney Alley and his wife Lelia can't be deduced at present for that time period.

The Final Years of Sidney and Lelia Alley

It must have been very interesting to have lived in the Nation's Capital City during the Great Depression, World War II and the years thereafter. It is very possible that by 1940 Sidney Alley might have been retired from his photographic career. At present this writer has limited resources covering the Washington years though there are some primary sources there that need to be harvested. Maybe a future opportunity will present itself so the information that has been saved and recorded can be presented as Part Two of the Sidney and Lelia Alley story. However, it is known that he and Lelia Alley lived in Washington, D. C., until Sidney died on the 1st of October 1947, after an eighteen day stay in the Gallinger Municipal Hospital in Washington, D. C. Lelia Alley buried Sidney in the Cedar Hill Cemetery in D. C.[32]

After some additional time there in Washington and before 1950, Lelia decided to move back to her home state and birth area to be near to her siblings, R. F. Shaw, Pattie Shaw Larkin, Margaret Shaw

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Williams, Estelle Shaw Hollingsworth and other kin.[33] According to the 1950 City Directory of Rocky Mount, N. C., Lelia was staying with her sister Estelle Hollingsworth at 119 South Tillery Street.[34] Lelia made her will on the 3rd of December 1947.[35] She obviously was impressed to put her estate in legal order soon after Sidney died that year. Lelia seems to have continued to live in Rocky Mount,[36] but by 1952 her health was such that she went to stay in a rest home in Goldsboro, N. C., and there on the 20th of June 1952 she died in Wayne County.[37]

After Lelia Shaw Alley moved to Rocky Mount, N. C., she had her husband's remains moved from his original burial location in Washington, D. C., to the City Cemetery in Rocky Mount. Linda S. Moore, the Pineview Cemetery Supervisor, supplied this writer with the following information, "Sidney Rufus Alley was interred in Pineview Cemetery June 30,1950. Other sources indicate that he was moved from Mount Olivet Cemetery, Washington, D. C., to Pineview after wife, Lelia Shaw Alley, moved back to Halifax County to be near her sister." When Lelia Shaw Alley died in 1952, she was laid to rest by her husband's side in section 46 of the Pineview Cemetery.[38] On the 26th of June 1952, the will that Lelia had written back in 1947 was filed in the Nash County Courthouse records. She left her cash, U. S. Bonds, silver, watch, diamond ring, brooch and crochet spread to her siblings and children.[39]

Conclusion

Sidney Rufus Alley was a professional photographer for maybe sixty years or more in Wilson, Tarboro and Washington, D. C. His first 40 years are fairly well known. However, further investigation of his more than 20 years work in the Nation's Capital from 1918 to the 1940's deserves further study and research to discover his photographic contributions in Washington, D. C., during the decades of that very important time in our national history which included the 1920's, the Depression Years, the years of World War II, and the beginning years of the Cold War. It seems reasonable to expect exciting additional results from those years of photographic historical significance in the career of Sidney Rufus Alley during his business life in Washington, D. C.[40]

Endnotes and Sources

1. Most all sources, especially the census and marriage records, state that Richard Dabney, Ella, Richard L. and Sidney R. Alley were all from in Virginia. See also Maury York 's Tarboro Library file and R. D. Alley's death certificate. The voter registration for 1902 stated that 70 year old R. D. Alley's father was Henry Alley. This source is *The 1902-1908 Voter Registration Lists, Wilson County, North Carolina,* pg. 1, abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley.
2. Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1860,* pg 39, No. 362, Town of Wilson.
3. The 1860 Wilson County Census was based on information as of the 16th of June 1860.
4. "Alley & Winstead Photographers," *The Connector,* Spring 2005, Vol. 9, No. 2, pgs. 8-9.
5. Deduction based on Howell's *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1860,* pg. 39 and her *1900 Wilson County Census,* pg. 352.
6. *The North Carolina Troops, Vol. II*, pg. 477.
7. Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870,* pg. 212 & J. Robert Boykin, III, *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census,* pg. 4-5. When comparing the two census reports, one immediately becomes aware of the confusion in trying to make sense of the names, ages and birth order of the Alley children.
8. See Boykin, *Wilson County 1880 Census,* pg. 4-5.
9. Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* pg. 352, No. 141.
10. Edgecombe County Courthouse marriage records in Tarboro, N. C. This writer has a copy of this record for Sydney Rufus Alley and Lelia Shaw Keech's marriage.
11. *Wilson, North Carolina, City Directory 1908-1909,* pg. 26. Alley may have been living in a boarding house on Barnes Street. The notation stated "rms."
12. Traci Thompson printed from ancestry.com the death certificate for contractor R. D. Alley from Dillon, South Carolina. He died at age 84 from being kicked in the head by a horse. He was buried in Dillon, S. C. R. D. Alley was probably staying with his daughter Annie Braddy who had married Lewton (Luton as per the U. S. Census) Capers Braddy in Wilson County, N. C. in 1887 then they moved back to L. C. Braddy's home area in S. C. See ancestry.com, U. S. Census 1900, for Charles and Annie Latham Alley. Charles was a telegraph operator in Washington, D. C. by 1900.
13. See above No. 7 note for the 1870 Wilson Co. Census.
14. See No. 4 above. Actually other sources made this same statement. Maury York of the Edgecombe County Memorial Library collected information on S. R. Alley for a 1988 exhibition entitled, "Tarboro's Mathew Brady: S. R. Alley." York's library file included at least three clippings which used this same statement. They were from different printed sources and may have come from a common original source. In reality it does not appear likely Alley started his photographic business at age 13 as this statement suggested.
15. See Boykin's *1880 Wilson County Census* above in Note 8.
16. Albert R. Page, Sr., "Francis Marion Winstead and Frances "Fannie" Lewis' Family", *Trees of Wilson*, June 2010, Vol. 19, No. 6, pgs. 63-65 & 70.
17. Wilson County Courthouse marriage records for S. R. Alley and Annie B. Hudson. This writer has a copy of this record.
18. Anna E. Hudson Alley's headstone stands alone on the Alley plot in the SE location in the South part of the Old Section of the Maplewood Cemetery.
19. Edgecombe County Courthouse marriage records

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VACCINATIONS BY DR. W. D. CROCKER

North Carolina State Archives, Wilson County Miscellaneous Records, Miscellaneous Records, C.R. 105.928.9

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

White List

Report of cases vaccinated by Dr. W. D. Crocker

Jan 9th	Frank Bardin	male	age 24
"	W. A. Lucas	"	21
"	McRae Boyett	"	40
" 10th	Lewis Lamm	"	19
"	Joe Bass	"	21
"	E. F. Redding	"	22
"	Ransom Lucas	"	17
" 11th	Gurney Boyett	"	11
"	Delia Boyett	" [sic]	7
"	Walter Wells	"	19
"	Willie Woodard	"	26
"	Sidney Renfrow	"	25
"	A. T. Barnes	"	47

Week ending Jan 12th 1902

Jan 13	Dora Atkinson	female	14
"	Alberta Barnes	"	13
"	Smithie Atkinson	"	14
"	Aby Atkinson	"	8
"	Nittie Johnson	"	11
"	Nancy Powell	"	9
"	Alex Atkinson	male	12
"	Bessie Atkinson	female	6
"	Luzetta Barnes	"	16
"	Wiley Love	male	18
"	Bernard Barnes	"	10
"	Richard Lamm	"	16
"	Jesse Rose	"	15
"	George Powell	"	10
"	Wyatt Powell	"	15
"	Frederick Atkinson	"	7
"	John W. Atkinson	"	8
"	Elbert Atkinson	"	10
"	Walter Powell	"	12
"	W. T. Lamm	"	10
"	John Dallas Barnes	"	12
"	Maie Bass	female	11
"	Myrtie Moore	"	11
"	Lena Moore	"	10
"	Mary Hill	"	7
"	Bessie Lucas	"	9
"	Bessie Scott	"	12
"	Mittie Williamson	"	8
"	Maggie Woodard	"	16
"	Addie Scott	"	11
"	Maggie Moore	"	9
"	James A. Crocker	male	[illegible]
" 14	Octavia Lamm	female	17
"	Victoria Lamm	"	11
"	Ella Capps	"	18
"	Allen Capps	male	14
"	Cora Capps	female	12
"	Effie Capps	"	9
Jan 14	Willie Capps	male	age 6
"	Jesse Parish	"	[illegible]
" 15	Larry Lucas	"	10
"	Willie Davis	"	9
"	Leona Crocker	female	12
"	Lossie Davis	"	12
"	Elsie Flowers	"	8
"	Julia Capps	"	8
"	John Barnes	male	18
"	Eva Lucas	female	8
"	Grace Lucas	"	7
Jan 26	J. B. Boyett	male	24
"	N. L. Lucas	"	26
"	W. H. Woodard	"	23
"	C. P. Sheay	"	23
Jan 30	Daisy Ruffin	female	10

Colored List

Report of cases vaccinated by Dr. W.D. Crocker

Jan 14	Supremer Best	female	18
"	Tarantha Best	"	15
"	Beady Ann Elizabeth Wells	"	10
"	Rematha Best	"	11
"	Tramillia Best	"	20
"	Effie Parker	"	18
"	Timpey Parker	"	14
"	Fanny Parker	"	12
"	Maggie Daniel	"	12
"	Lelia Langster	"	9
Jan 15	A. J. C. Moore	male	39
"	Stella Bynum	female	8
"	Patty Lispcom	"	8
"	Siddie Lispcom	"	8
"	Ida-may Batts	"	11
"	Sarah Elizer Howell	"	8
"	Remanda Thompson	"	11
"	Millie Ann Barnes	"	10
"	Maggie Batts	"	12
"	Sarah Barnes	"	14
"	Lithie J. Barnes	"	8
"	Ora B. Bynum	"	7
"	Laura Dew	"	19
"	Lucinda Howell	"	15
"	Louisa Dew	"	13
Jan 18	Amos D. Dew	male	2
Jan 20	Anna Morgan	female	8
"	Beatrice Morgan	"	7
"	Luletta Barnes	"	18
" 23	Minnie Hinnant	"	15
"	Ezekiel Hinnant	male	14
"	Paul Williamson	"	24
"	Daniel Williams	"	20
"	George Shaw	"	20
"	Charley Boykin	"	12
"	Willie Hocut	"	4
"	Couis Atkinson	female	8
"	Lissey Boykin	"	12
"	Nancy Whitley	"	10
"	Nancy Porter	"	12

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HATTIE HENDERSON RICKS

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

This is an excerpt from an interview I conducted with my grandmother, Hattie Henderson Ricks, in 1994. She grew up on Elba Street in east Wilson and attended the Colored Graded School. She was born near Dudley, N. C., in 1910 and died in Philadelphia in 2001.

"I had pneumonia twice. The first day I went down to Graded School, that day it rained. I come back there was a hole in my shoe, had pasteboard in there. And I slopped in all the water and got my feet wet. And then I'd go to sneezing and coughing. That's what Mama said, anyhow, and I taken with a fever, and I was sick that whole rest of the year. I mean, wasn't strong enough to go down to Graded School; she wouldn't let me go down there. So I stayed home, and Mama put all them old rags, that old flannel cloth, and she'd put it in red onions and hog lard. And so Mama said, "You know you oughtn not to got wet!" Well, how was I gon help from getting wet? Had to come from school! So that was the first year I went to school. I remember that. Honey, I had to wear a piece of cloth up here on my chest, one on the back, with Vicks salve and hog grease or whatever that stuff was, mixed all up together and pinned it to my undershirt. And I had pneumonia. And they was sitting up with me. Said I hadn't spoken in three days. And so that old clock where Annie Bell took, it was up there on the mantel, it struck two o'clock. Mama was sitting on one side of the stove, and Papa on the other. So I said to, when the clock struck, I said, It's two o'clock, aint it, Mama? And they thought I was dying. So I didn't think nothing bout it. I went on back to sleep. I didn't know nothing bout it. Said I had double pneumonia. So they all I was always sickly and puny, and: Give her anything she want, that's what Dr. Williams white doctor so he said, She can't live nohow. And that's when I had the pneumonia. And so I Didn't want nothing but water. So, Well, give her all the water she want cause she can't live nohow. But I fooled em! Dr. Williams gone, Mamas gone, all of em, and I'm sitting right here!"9

(Vaccinations by Dr. W. D. Crocker, continued from page 6)

Jan 23	Dilla Whitley	female	age 8
"	Jemina Whitley	"	29
"	Lilley Adams	"	10
"	Penny Whitley	"	5
"	Hettie Whitley	"	7
"	Henrietta Williamson	"	18
"	Mary Williamson	"	5
"	Sarah Williamson	"	24
"	Edney Williamson	"	17
"	Lula Hocut	"	18
"	Manerva Boykin	"	18
"	Katie Williamson	"	14
"	James Shaw	male	13
"	Joe Shaw	"	8
"	Hattie Shaw	female	10
"	Seth Thomas Shaw	male	6
"	Lessie Atkinson	female	13
"	Daisy Atkinson	"	12
"	Jemina Barnes	"	13
"	Lula Barnes	"	10
"	Elijah Barnes	male	8
"	Spencer Shaw	"	42
Jan 10th	Margaret Barnes	female	60
"	Salley Ann Barnes	"	19
" 11	Amos Hagan	male	42

[Editor's note: The State Archives record did not state what these persons were being inoculated against, but Ms. Henderson did some research which suggests that it was for smallpox.

Under the Reports to the Surgeon-General, United States Marine-Hospital Service; Public Health Reports, United States; Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Surgeon-General, United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 28, 1901 to February 21, 1902, in North Carolina for the period between November 1 and December 31, 1901, there had been two deaths in our state. The breakdown of cases of the disease by county showed a significant outbreak in Wilson County. Of the counties immediately adjacent and Wilson County, these cases were reported:

County	Number of Cases
Edgecombe	5
Nash	20
Greene	7
Wayne	25
Wilson	60

There were more reports of vaccinations in the State Archives files. Those will be included in future issues of *Trees of Wilson.*

Dr. W. D. Crocker was not included in the 1900 Wilson County Federal Census.

In that census, Frank F. Barden was listed as a brick molder living in the Town of Lucama. McRae Boyette was listed as a salesman in the Town of Lucama with his wife Loubertie, son Lucian G., and daughters Delia C. and Amelia P.

Nathan L. Lucas, farmer, lived in Crossroads Township along with his wife Louellen, and sons Donnell C. and Wilford J.

Soprenia Best and Remantha Best lived in Crossroads Township with their parents Benjamin and Eliza Best.

Minnie Hinnant and Ezekiel Hinnant lived in Spring Hill Township with their parents General and Martha J. Hinnant. George A. Shaw lived in Spring Hill Township with his parents Spencer and Tabitha Shaw.

Amos Haggins and his wife Lillie lived in Crossroads Township.

Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1900, abstracted by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe]

OBITUARIES NAMING DISEASE THAT CAUSED DEATH

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Wilson Times, June 11, 1897

J. F. Abrams

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. F. Abrams which occurred at his home about three miles from this city last Friday afternoon. For over a year Mr. Abrams has been an invalid from that always fatal disease, consumption, and his friends had for a long time despaired his ever recovering and so on Friday he peacefully and quietly entered into rest. The deceased leaves a wife, but no children. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and died in a full assurance of faith. His remains were buried on Saturday. ...

Zion's Landmark, June 15, 1896

Harriett Barnes

Died at the residence of her son, Mr. Wiley Barnes, in Wilson Co., Dec. 11th, 1895, Mrs. Harriet Barnes, wife of Mr. Burkhead Barnes, aged 75 years 11 months and a few days. Her physical health was remarkably good up to the month preceding her death, when she was taken with erysipelas in her arm and only lived about two weeks. It seems she was conscious that her last sickness had come. ... During her sickness she manifested much patience and Christian fortitude. Although she never made a public profession of religion but was ever a firm Old School Baptist in her views. ... She was an affectionate mother and grandmother and loved by all who knew her, and may the surviving sons and daughter ... receive consolation ... Written by a friend.

S. M. S.

Eureka, N. C.

Wilson Times, April 17, 1896

C. W. McKay

Mr. C. W. McKay died last Tuesday night at his home on Green street of Brights disease. Although he has long been a sufferer yet his death was unexpected at this time. The deceased was about 60 years old. He was buried in Fayetteville, his old home, by the Masons, he being a member of that order. The Wilson Lodge sent representation to the funeral.

Mr. McKay has been among us only a short while having entered into the crockery business here last year; yet he made many friends who mourn their loss.

Wilson Times, May 1, 1896

Resolutions of Respect.

At the regular communication of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117 A. F. & A. M., the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, the Grand Master of the Universe to summon the spirit of Bro. C. W. McKay, a member of this Lodge, into his presence Be it.

Resolved. That in his death this Lodge loses a faithful member, one ever ready to respond to the call of distress, the community an honest upright citizen, and his family a kind and indulgent husband and father.

To his bereaved family we tender our sincerest sympathy and commend them to Him who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb.

Resolved further, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, published in the town papers, and spread upon the minutes of our Lodge

C. E. Moore,)
W. P. Snakenberg, > Com.
David Woodard,)

Wilson Times, September 4, 1896

Bessie Overman

Last Tuesday night, little Bessie the three year old daughter of Mr. J. S. Overman died of Malarial fever.

The little one had been sick some six or seven weeks, but was much better, so the fond parents thought; but the messenger of death came suddenly and made the bright home desolate. ...

Daily Charlotte Observer, August 4, 1893
Reprint from *Old Dobbs Trail,* Jan-Feb-Mar 2008

Elder John Scott

The *Goldsboro Headlight* says that after suffering untold agony, Elder John Scott of the Primitive Baptist faith, died Sunday night of hydrophobia at his home in Wilson. A few months ago he was bitten by a rabid dog and although he had the madstone applied to his wound, the disease broke out upon him in its full fury a few days ago, making his sufferings heart-rendering to witness.

Wilson Times, July 21, 1899

Mrs. Nathan Sellers

Last Thursday afternoon, yesterday a week ago, Mrs. Nathan Sellers died in this city after a prolonged illness. Some months ago she had an attack of subacute meninegetis [sic.] and although relatives and friends knew her condition to be very precarious, in the hope that she could be benefitted she was brought to this city for treatment.

The remains were taken to Fremont last Friday morning for interment.

Mrs. Sellers was the daughter of the late Mr. Jesse Aycock, of Fremont, and a niece of Messrs. B. F. and C. B. Aycock.

About fourteen months ago she married Mr. Nathan Sellers, of Goldsboro.

The *Argus* of that city says:

"Her coming was a benediction to all those who had the pleasure of her acquaintance and friendship. She was kind-hearted and true, a womanly-woman—God's gift to man.

"The funeral services were held at Fremont, the home of the mother of Mrs. Sellers, this morning and the interment was made in the old family burying ground.

"The hearts of our people go out in deepest sympathy to the young husband in his great grief and bereavement, and to the sweet baby boy, who will never know a mother's fathomless love or tender caress."

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DEATH NOTICES NAMING A DISEASE

Deaths and Marriages from Tarboro Newspapers, 1824-1865

Compiled by Hugh Buckner Johnston

[Editor's note: This list contains only those abstracts of obituaries which mentioned an illness as the cause of death. The list will be continued in future issues of *Trees of Wilson*]

Lewewellen Carter Adkins, son of William Adkins, died of brain fever in Edgecombe County on January 24, 1863, aged eight years and five months. (S. January 31, 1863)

Payton A. Atkinson, "a wealthy planter" of Pitt County, died of dyspepsia on February 22, 1863, aged about forty years. (S. March 7, 1863)

Mrs. Jannette Austin, wife of Robert H. Austin and daughter of William Jeffreys of Franklin County, died of consumption in Tarboro on August 30, 1858, leaving three children. (S. September 4, 1858)

Thaddeus B. Barlow, a native of Edgecombe County, died on October 11, 1858, at the home of his father near Edwards' Depot in Hinds County, Mississippi, of consumption in his twenty-third year. (S. November 6, 1858)

Wright Barnes died at Norfolk on January 10, 1857, in his thirty-fifth year. "He had been afflicted with cancer just below the knee for several years, and had gone to Norfolk in hopes of getting relief, but in vain. He left a family to mourn his loss. (S. January 24, 1857)

James Thomson Battle, only son of Amos J. and Margaret Battle, died on July 30, 1836, of cholera. He had been born on July 14, 1836. (T. P. August 27, 1836)

Benjamin Batts of Edgecombe County died on April 18, 1860, of "disease of the heart," and was buried on April 19, with Masonic ceremonies by Concord Lodge, No. 58. "Mr. Batts was highly esteemed and respected, and has left a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss." (S. April 21, 1860)

Joseph Biggs, Sr., died at Williamston on May 31, 1844, of paralysis, in his seventy-eighth year. (T. P. June 15, 1844)

Mary Louisa Boykin, eldest daughter of Dr. Benjamin Boykin, died of typhus fever in Sumter County, Alabama, on December 23, 1842, aged nineteen years. She was formerly of Tarboro. (T. P. January 14, 1843)

Mrs. Mary Britt died of pneumonia in Edgecombe County on September 27, 1856, in her eighty-fifth year. (S. October 4, 1856)

Sergt. David L. Brown of Company B, 44th North Carolina Regiment, died of typhoid fever in the Wilson Confederate Hospital on February 24, 1863, in his twenty-fifth year. (S. March 7, 1863)

Samuel Brown, Clerk of Nash County Court, died at Nashville of the cholera on June 8, 1844, in his forty-seventh year. He was a native of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and had lived in Nashville for fifteen years. In 1833 he represented Nash County in the North Carolina Legislature. (T. P. June 15, 1844)

Orren Bulluck died of dropsy "a few days ago," aged about sixty-three years. (S. June 13, 1863)

Bennett Bunn died of cholera morbus on May 13, 1849, on the Nash County side of Rocky Mount. (T. P. May 19, 1849)

James A. Cargill, Jr., of Waterbury, Connecticut, died of typhoid fever at Tarboro on October 15, 1854, aged about nineteen years. (S. October 21, 1854)

Georgiana Cherry, daughter of William R. Cherry, Esq., and wife Eliza, died of diphtheria on September 17, 1862, aged about eight years. (S. September 20, 1862) It was stated later that she died on August 17, 1862, in her tenth year. (S. September 27, 1862)

Major Jesse M. Cherry dropped dead of a heart attack near Greenville on November 21, 1836. (T. P. November 26, 1836)

William B. Cherry died "of congestive fever" in Pitt County on September 9, 1845, aged twenty-one years, leaving a mother, brother, and sister. (T. P. September 17, 1845)

Florass Cobb, eldest son of Gray and Martha Cobb of Edgecombe County, died of scarlet fever on March 7, 1863, aged four years and one month. (S. April 4, 1863)

Gray Cobb, son of Gray and Martha Cobb, died of scarlet fever in Edgecombe County on March 14, 1863, aged one year and six months. (S. April 4, 1863)

Theophilus Crisp of Edgecombe County died of pleurisy on December 5, 1859, aged about thirty-eight years. (S. December 17, 1859)

Epenetus Cromwell, Esq., "the late popular Proprietor of the Edgecombe House in Tarboro," died suddenly of apoplexy on February 2, 1861, aged forty-three years. (S. February 9, 1861)

Mrs. Jane Eliza Cromwell, wife of Epentus Cromwell from Edgecombe County died of typhoid fever near Lagrange, Tennessee, on October 14, 1853, aged about thirty-five years. (S. November 5, 1853)

Theophilus J. Daffin, formerly of Tarboro, died at New Orleans of yellow fever on September 13, 1853, aged about twenty-seven years. (S. October 8, 1853)

William S. Daniel, son of John H. and Meniza Daniel, died at Stantonsburg of typhoid fever on December 17, 1849, aged twenty-one years and twelve days. (T. P. December 22, 1849)

Mrs. Jane Dortch, wife of D. L. J. Dortch, died of consumption at Stantonsburg on August 14, 1849, in her twenty-seventh year. (T. P. August 25, 1849)

Lamon Dunn died of palsy in Edgecombe County "at an advanced age" on January 26, 1842. (T. P. January 29, 1842)

Matthew Exum died in Edgecombe County on October 13, 1854, of typhoid fever, aged about thirty years. (S. October 14, 1854)

John Ford was "found dead in the road, Cause, liquor, some days since." (S. December 4, 1852)

Henry Foxhall died of pneumonia in Edgecombe County on January 31, 1849, aged about thirty years. (T. P. February 3, 1849)

(to be continued in future issues of Trees of Wilson)

(Joshua Lawrence, continued from page 1)

of the Kehukee Association which was organized in 1765 and which never favored modern missionnsm [sic.] and was present at this association held at Log Chapel in Martin County in the year 1803 when the query in reference to missions, money-based societies, etc. was introduced by Elder Martin Ross. The subject matter of this query continued to be a subject of contention which he opposed with all his eloquence and ability until it ended in the unhappy and final division among the Baptists of this state in the year 1827. In this division he took a bold stand in defense of the ancient practice of the Baptists and sided with what is now known as the Primitive Baptists and ever remained one.

Though his enemies have endeavored to injure his strong and noble character and great influence as a preacher and writer by reporting that before he died he renounced the doctrine he had preached, yet an account of his sickness and death written by Elder R. D. Hart who was his yoke-fellow in the gospel fully denies and proves untrue such slanderous reports. On his death bed he said he had never been more fully established in the doctrine and practice for which he had for forty years contended, and only wished he could have preached it more.

(Obituaries Naming Disease, continued from page 8)

Wilson Times, July 9, 1897

Willie Kresmer

Last Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock little Willie Kresmer, aged twelve years, died of yellow jaundice. The remains were taken to Rocky Mount Saturday afternoon for burial. Willie had been a sufferer for nine weeks, and his health had never been the best. Mr. Kresmer, who is employed at Hackney Bros. Carriage factory, is a native of Germany but Willie was born in this county. The deceased was a bright little fellow and a member of the Catholic church.

Wilson Daily Times, January 31, 1910

Pollie Gardner

Mrs. Pollie Gardner, wife of W. C. Gardner, departed this life January 5th [?], 1911. She was born January 3rd, 1848, aged 62 years and 2 days. She leaves a devoted husband, six children and five grandchildren and many friends to mourn their loss, ... Her affliction was bronchitis and pneumonia. All the attention that was possible was given by family and doctors, but all was in vain. ...

She was a kind and an affectionate wife and mother. She was kind to one and all, and we all hope she has gone to rest where there will be no more trouble or sorrow.

(Sidney R. Alley, continued from page 5)

for Sidney R. Alley and Susan R. Knight. This writer has a copy of this document.

20. The single headstone for Susan and S. R. Alley, Jr., is located in the south west corner of The Old Primitive Baptist Church graveyard in Tarboro, N. C. The cemetery is on the corner of Albemarle Ave. and West St. James Street. Also see *Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Vol. 2, Church Cemeteries,* 2009, pgs. 149-150.

21. See Local history Librarian Maury York's Tarboro Library file for this statement. This writer has a copy of this statement.

22. Edgecombe County Courthouse marriage records of Sidney R. Alley to Lelia Keech in December of 1902. This writer has a copy of the marriage record.

23. No census or burial list includes children for S. R. Alley and Lelia Shaw Keech Alley.

24. Edgecombe County Courthouse land deeds for S. R. Alley and Lelia Shaw Alley, Bk. 85, pg.192 and Bk. 127, pg. 16. In 1920, courthouse records indicate Lelia Shaw Alley leased two lots and three houses to others for income. This may have been property that came to her through her first husband, J. B. Keech.

25. See note number 4.

26. Edgecombe County Courthouse land deeds for S. R. Alley and Lelia Shaw Alley, Bk. 200, pg. 558.

27. See ancestry.com for U. S. Census records for D. C. in 1900, 1910 & 1930.

28. See ancestry.com for U. S. Census record 1930.

29. See ancestry.com for U. S. Census record for Baltimore, Maryland, under Wesley G. Alley.

30. See note number 28.

31. District of Columbia death certificate for Sidney R. Alley. This writer has a copy of this document which came from the Maury York file on S. R. Alley.

32. See Sidney Rufus Alley's District of Columbia death certificate. An obituary was printed in the Rocky Mount *Evening Telegram* on the 20th of October in 1947, pg 3-B.

33. Nash County Courthouse, Nashville, N. C., Lelia Shaw Alley's will filed on the 20th of June 1952. The will listed her kin and heirs and is recorded in Bk. 11, pg. 467. This writer has a copy of the will.

34. See the Rocky Mount, N. C., City Directory, 1950, pg. 4.

35. See note no. 33.

36. *The 1952 Rocky Mount, N. C., City Directory,* page 25, listed Lelia with her sister Estelle Hollingsworth at 119 South Tillery Street.

37. The Rocky Mount, N. C., *Evening Telegram,* pg. 6-A, under "Obituaries" for Mrs. S. R. Alley.

38. Information from Linda S. Moore, the Pineview Cemetery Supervisor, in Rocky Mount, N. C.

39. See note no. 33.

40. At a future time when additional information comes to this writer, such as information held by Lelia Shaw Alley's family (Lassiters), S. R. Alley's obituary from *The Washington Post* newspaper, District of Columbia land deeds for S. R. Alley and Lelia S. Alley, S. R. Alley's will and probate from D. C., perhaps a return to the Washington, D. C. years of Sidney Rufus and Lelia Shaw Alley's life will justify a Part Two to the story of the Alley's.

NOVEMBER 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Sue Powell, president, opened the meeting, welcomed guests, and the October minutes were approved as written in TREES. Wanda Taylor, treasurer, reported expenses of $.72 and income of $15.30 due to an unusually slow month.

The 2007 index and the 2011 calendar will be mailed with November Trees.

A reprint of *Wilson, North Carolina: Historic Properties Inventory* is at the printer. An index by street address was added, a new cover was designed and corrections were made to the original book. Plans are for the book to be ready by December 11, 2010, with a pre-publication price offering of $20.00, inclusive of tax and shipping. After publication, the cost will be $20.00 plus $1.55 tax, and $5.00 shipping.

Dick Rountree is asking for another person to relieve him of the WCGS shipping of orders. Sue made a plea on his behalf.

Annual reports on the activities of 2010 were made by Carol Forbes and Wanda Taylor.

The officers for the coming year were installed by Deborah Webb. They are:

President--Sue Powell
Vice-President--Jerry Stancil
Secretary--Frances Roberson
Treasurer--Wanda Taylor

New Board Member--Carroll Gaissert, 3 year term. Carroll Arthur and Jeffrey Scott are serving continuing terms as members of the board.

Announcements included an inventory clearance of the 1870 Census $20; Cemeteries III $20; *They Moved Away* $10; and calendars from previous years $2. Upcoming programs were announced.

M. E. Pete Williams, a WCGS member, has written a historical novel about his parents and their families and the stories that he heard about them. *Between the Waters of the Tar and Toisnot,* includes many of those stories, some embellished to fit the story line. He used real and fictional characters in a story that occurred between 1925 and 1945 with background information from 1861, 1895, and 1915-25.

During the "show and tell" time, several family artifacts were shown and their histories were related.

The meeting ended with a social to recognize the officers and time to visit and share information with each other.

Frances W. Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENT

Wilson, North Carolina, Historical Properties Inventory, originally published in 1980 and out of print for many years, has been reprinted by WCGS. This book of photographs and descriptions of historical homes and buildings is now available again with enhancements. Known errors were corrected, and additional information and improved maps, an index by street address and an index of every name in the text were added. **The price is $20 + tax of $1.55 + $5 shipping.**

SADY MAY BURRESS OBITUARY

Wilson Daily Times, November 18, 1910

Little Sady May Burress, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. And Mrs. John Burress, died on Thursday night at half past eight o'clock at the Sanatorium in Wilson, where she was carried on Wednesday night and an operation performed on her Thursday about eleven o'clock for appendicitis. She was taken sick on Tuesday night and died on Thursday night. She was born December 24th, 1901, and died November 9th, 1910. Her father had only been dead nine months. Her sister had only been dead eight months and twenty-five days. Both of them died with pneumonia. What this little child suffered is unknown to all except her God. She was a loving little girl, the beauty of their home and loved by all. ... She called all of the children that she had not seen that day before she died that night, and tried to sing a sweet little song, but she was so weak that her mother couldn't understand but very few words of it. She said the Lord was before her. About eight o'clock Dr. Eagles went in to see her and she showed him her ring, and she talked and tried to play with him. He asked her who gave her that pretty ring and she told him that her sister Annie gave it to her. ...

Her little body was laid to rest Friday evening in the Burress family cemetery at Saratoga. Much sympathy is extended this sad family in so many hours of bereavement.

N. W.

A WEATHER FACT

There may have been snow in Wilson County the week ending February 16, 1902. Raleigh, N. C., had twelve inches that week.

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Census records abstracted by J. Albert Bass with family data added from his files.

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___	1880 Wilson County, Crossroads Township	$22.00
___	1900 Wilson County, Spring Hill Township	$16.00
___	1850 Johnston County, District 9	$16.00
___	1850 Johnston County, District 10	$26.00
___	1870 Johnston County, Bulah Township	$10.00
___	1850 Wayne County North of the Neuse	$65.00
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___	1860 Wayne County, Pikeville District	$ 5.00
___	1870 Wayne County, Holden Township	$10.00
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___	1880 Wayne County, Great Swamp Township	$14.00
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___	1900 Wayne County, Great Swamp Township	$ 6.00

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___ Cemetery Finder (paper) donation	$5.00
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___ 2011 WCGS Calendar (early church photographs)	$8.00
___ Calendar Back Issues (2002 Rock Ridge area, 2003 Gardners Township, 2005 Elm City, 2006 Black Creek, 2007 Lucama, 2008, 2009, 2010 family photographs) (specify year) each at	$2.00

Payment and shipping: Shipping cost for each book is $5.00 ($10.00 for *Wilson County Marriages,* a set of two books). Shipping cost for maps is $5.00 for 1-4 items. Add 7.75% sales tax for NC residents on merchandise total (not on shipping).

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President's Message

I would like to express appreciation to our members who have been such a help in the preparation of *Trees of Wilson.* We are thankful for each article contributed by our members. Bible, land, cemetery, court records and wills are such valuable information! The results of members' research help others of the same family and provide guidance to others.

J. Robert Boykin has sent many clippings from old newspapers and from Zion's Landmark. He has acquired newspapers that were lost when fire destroyed the *Wilson Times* archives. Other articles are about news from the area.

Lisa Henderson has found many Wilson County records in National and North Carolina Archives and online files. They often provide information that is hard to find or that we may not have thought to look for.

Albert Page has written and submitted the stories of several families. They are so well researched, documented and written. I wish that we shared ancestors so that he would write stories about my family.

Wanda Taylor, Edna Woolard and Carol Forbes have typed articles in a computer ready format which is such a time saver when I put *Trees* together.

Carol Forbes and Frances Roberson are always here to help with the mailing of Trees.

Our members benefit from one another. You too can contribute material for *Trees of Wilson*, and we really need your help! Check your files for something that you can send.

Sue Evans Powell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, February 22nd
7:00 PM

Please join us for our next meeting on February 22nd at the library.

Following the business session, Pete Williams, a WCGS member, will talk to us about *Between the Waters of the Tar and Toisnot,* a historical novel that he has recently published, in which he incorporated stories about his parents and their families.

Four generations of the Williams family farmed lands in Nash County. His mother's family, the Petway family, developed Silver Lake, a recreational and commercial complex near Wilson in the early 1920's. The book, a story of how his parents met, includes happenings that actually occurred in their families. The chapters are dated and cover events in 1861, 1895, 1915-1935, and 1942-1945. The book is very well written, and the stories are informational and entertaining.

Upcoming programs:
March 29—Gayle Kildoyle, Executive Director of the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, N. C.
April 26—Terry Bryant, restoration of the remaining portion of Wilson Collegiate Institute/Wilson Confederate Hospital and plans for it to become a museum
May 31—TBA
September 27—TBA
October 25—TBA
November 29—Annual Meeting

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PARROTT MEMBORN

Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers of the United States
(Published in 1909, Reprinted in 1984)
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mewborn, Elder Parrott, was a native of Lenoir County, N. C. He was born January 1, 1799, united with Bear Creek Church August, 1824, and was baptized by Elder Lewis Whitfield, was soon ordained to the gospel ministry and after nearly forty years of faithful service in the Lord's vineyard he died April 29, 1864. Elder Mewborn had a bright experience in his change from nature to grace, and could truly say "the Lord hath led me." He was considered a very able doctrinal, experimental and propheticical [sic.] preacher. Many important events, such as the Civil war, the overthrow of the Civil power of the Pope of Rome, etc., were prophesied by him and came to pass about the time predicted. For many years he was a great sufferer from rheumatism. His mind became deeply impressed with the miraculous cures of diseases made by Christ and he was given a desire to earnest prayer, and faith to believe that Christ would heal him. This He did, and in his writings he says: "There came virtue and love and filled my soul and I felt the good effects, rose up and began to praise the Lord and stood on the floor." More than twenty years have passed and I thank and praise the Lord that I have not had the rheumatic pains since." His life was an honorable, useful one and shed a good influence in the community in which he lived.
[Editor's note: His sons, George, Parrott, Jr., and D. A. Mewborn will be included in future issues of *Trees of Wilson*.]

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DEATH NOTICES NAMING A DISEASE

Deaths and Marriages from Tarboro Newspapers, 1824-1865, compiled by Hugh Buckner Johnston

[Editor's note: For the purposes of documenting illnesses, names are included if the newspaper obituary listing gave the cause of death.]

Captain William A. Grimmer died at Tarboro on May 30, 1857, in his thirty-eighth year, of typhoid fever, leaving a wife and three children. (S. June 6, 1857)

Dr. B. F. Halsey died in Tarboro on May 6, 1863, aged about forty-three years, of consumption. (S. May 16, 1863)

James R. Harper died in Edgecombe County of typhoid fever on October 19, 1857, aged about twenty-five years. (S. October 24, 1857)

Soloman Hicks died of typhoid fever in Tarboro on September 30, 1856, aged about twenty-six years. (S. October 4, 1856)

Richard Holland died of typhoid fever at Tarboro on September 27, 1856, aged about twenty-three years. (October 4, 1856)

Corporal Calvin W. Howard, son of Wilson and Elizabeth Howard, died at Richmond of typhoid fever on July 12, 1862, aged about twenty-two years, and a member of "The Edgecombe Rifles," Company G, 13th Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers. (S. July 26, 1862)

Willie R. Howard, tavern keeper of Tarboro, died of intemperance and apoplexy on August 2, 1828. (F. P. August 8, 1828) Secretary Henry Horn of Joseph Warren Masonic Lodge, No. 92, of Stantonsburg, advertised his funeral rites at the Old Church in Tarborough on December 14, 1828. (F. P. December 12, 1828)

Anna Howell, daughter of the late James D. Howell, died at Rocky Mount on August 31, 1862, of typhoid fever, at the age of fourteen years. (S. September 6, 1862)

Joseph W. Hyman died in Edgecombe County on March 24, 1862, of the measles, and aged about twenty years. (S. March 29, 1862)

Henry Johnson died of typhoid fever in Edgecombe County on July 8, 1854, in his thirty-second year, leaving a wife and three children. A Masonic Funeral was ordered for August 27 by the Concord Lodge, with preaching by the Rev. Mr. Daniel. (S. July 15, 1854)

Joseph A. Johnson of Edgecombe County enlisted about April 18, 1861, in Company A, 1st Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers, and fought in the Battle of Bethel. He died of typhoid pneumonia on July 23, 1861, in the Yorktown Hospital. (S. August 3, 1861)

Robert A. Johnson died of consumption in Arkansas on February 25, 1860, aged about fifty years, leaving a wife and eight children. He had left his native Edgecombe County in January. (S. March 17, 1860)

Willie Keel died of consumption in Martin County on September 13, 1863, aged about sixty-one years. (S. September 19, 1863)

David B. Knight died of consumption at Williamston on June 6, 1859. He was born on December 23, 1832. (S. June 25, 1859)

Frederick Wiggins Lewis, son of Dr. H. E. Lewis, died of diphtheria on October 16, 1862, in his thirteenth year, in Edgecombe County. (S. October 18, 1862)

(to be continued in future issues of Trees of Wilson)

VACCINATIONS BY DR. ISAAC W. LAMM

North Carolina State Archives, Wilson County Miscellaneous Records, Miscellaneous Records, C.R. 105.928.9

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

Office of
Isaac W. Lamm, M.D.
Practicing Physician
Lucama, N.C. Jan. 20, 1902

Dr. W.S. Anderson,
Wilson, N.C.

Dear Doctor: -- I beg leave to make the following report of my vaccinations for the week ending Jan. 18, 1902.

White

Decy Hedgepeth	(F)	8
Emily Hedgepeth	"	9
Willie Woodard	(M)	14
J. T. Williamson	"	12
John Moore	"	8
Andrew Hedgepeth	"	8
Vernon Scott	"	7
Alfred Moore	"	6
Claude Woodard	"	7
Henry Moore	"	11
Willie Johnson	"	8
Henry Barnes	"	22
Arthur Barnes	"	10
Wiley Lamm	"	18
Jacob Lamm	"	14
Beethe Lamm	(F)	19
Minnie Barnes	"	6
Miss Carrie Thompson		25
Herbert Lamm	(M)	16
L. F. Lucas	"	51
J. H. H. Lamm	"	4
D. V. Lamm	(F)	7
Charley Rose	(M)	12
Matthew Rose	"	13
Elmer Edgerton	"	19
Eddie Capps	"	26
Dossy Parker	"	10
K. W. Barnes	"	27
Mrs. K. W. Barnes	(F)	23
Bertha Phillips	"	10
Marvin Phillips	(M)	13
Nathan Phillips	"	9
J. L. Hinnant	"	36
L. B. Watson	"	31
Charley Harris	"	26
Vernon Watson	"	3
R. A. Watson	"	4
L. R. Watson Jr.	"	4 mos.
Penny Watson	(F)	61
Harriet Watson	"	26
Mary Watson	"	21
Jennie Kent	"	19
Mattie Renfrow	(F)	14
Clara A. Kent	"	11
Bessie Creech	"	9
Henrietta Barnes	"	16
Elizabeth Barnes	"	13
Kisiah L. Barnes	"	10
Harriet Barnes	"	16
Julia Rice	"	39
A. V. C. Hunt	"	33
Lillie Barnes	"	15
Isaac Dew	(M)	37
Paul Eatman	"	13
James A. Hinnant	"	18
Deph Barnes	"	15
William Barnes	"	9
Burket Barnes	"	12
Chalmers Hinnant	"	13
James F. Barnes	"	19
Reddick Dew	"	7
Toy Barnes	"	13
Milton Best	"	13
Clarence Best	"	8
Luther Rice	"	13
James E. Best	"	10
Benajah Daniel	"	11
Ollin Best	"	10
Roman Oneal	"	8
Thad Logan Rice	"	13
Dawson Johnson	"	9
Jeannettie Howell	(F)	17
Georgiana Dew	"	17
Bessie Renfrow	"	7
Lindy Renfrow	"	25
J. R. Renfrow	(M)	34
Robert Renfrow	"	5
J. R. Barnes	"	9
R. F. Barnes	"	11
J. T. Barnes	"	7
W. H. Renfrow	"	39
Sarah Barnes	(F)	41
M. J. Ligon	"	28
Lucora Ligon	"	2
J. D. Barnes	(M)	41
J. W. Ligon	"	30
Hubert Ligon	"	4
J. H. Hinnant	"	32
R. T. Evans	"	10
George Lamm	"	12
J. A. Barnes	"	14
Burket Lamm	"	56
C. D. Farrell	"	18
J. W. Lamm	"	45
Mrs. J. W. Lamm	(F)	46
Bessie Barnes	"	9

Colored

Frank Farmer	(M)	85
Lilly Hagans	(F)	17
Frank Shaw	(M)	15
Willie Allen	"	10
Easter Dew	(F)	48
Margaret Fields	"	22
Louella Adams	"	20
Nelly Adams	"	17
Lossie Fields	"	1 ½
Albert Fields	(M)	3
Eliza Farmer	(F)	46
Siddie Rice	"	17
Savannah Rice	"	12
Jessie Rice	"	10
Ananias Rice	(M)	15
J. A. Rice	"	8
Joseph Taylor	"	15
J. T. Renfrow	"	15
Roscoe Kent	"	16
Charley Kent	"	12
Bud Kent	"	10
Methuselah Kent	"	12
Methuselah Creech	"	12
Fred Kent	"	14
Jesse James Pate	"	11
Jack Privette	"	11
Walter Newsome	"	12
Tony Beckwith	"	9
J. F. Thompson	"	9
W. H. Bynum	"	10
Lecy Dew	(F)	22
Martha Dew	"	24
Isaac N. Dew	(M)	57
Edget Dew	"	19
Herman Bynum	"	12
Condary Adams	"	13
Jesse Adams	(F)	8

Yours fraternally,
Isaac W. Lamm

White

Floyd Davis	(M)	7
Asa Collier	"	48
Miss Pattie Barnes	(F)	24
Arthur Scott	(M)	6
P. Preston Lucas	(M)	13

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Elisha and Milly Felton Family
Contributed by Albert R. Page, Sr.

According to Hugh Buckner Johnston's "Edgecombe County Census of 1790" there was not one single Felton listed in the county for that year.[1] However, the land deeds for Edgecombe County did list, by 1799, a Job Felton buying land from a Henry King.[2] Job Felton was listed from the 1800 Edgecombe County Census through the 1840 census with his family in the county.[3] He was not accounted for in the Edgecombe County 1850 Census.[4] Elisha Felton showed up for the first time in the 1804 land records of Edgecombe County. He bought 95 acres on "Autries Creek and Deep Branch" from Job Felton for $100.00. The land was next to Stephen Harrell and John Webb.[5] In 1806 Elisha Felton sold land to John Webb.[6] Elisha Felton was enumerated for the first time in the 1810 Edgecombe County Census.[7] Elisha and Job Felton may have been brothers as their ages are close to the same according to the 1810 census through the census of 1840.[8] They appeared to have been born around the 1770's.[9] Job possibly might have been the older brother or a first cousin.

In the 1810 Edgecombe County Census Elisha and Milly Felton had eight children living with them. There were four boys and four girls.[10] In the War of 1812, an Elisha Felton served with the artillery from Edgecombe County.[11] In 1814 and 1816 Elisha purchased land three times. He bought first from John Statton, then from Dixon Ellis and later from Jethro Barnes, Jr.[12] Elisha Felton was listed in the *1815 Tax List for Edgecombe County*. On page 20, the list does not indicate Elisha owned land.[13] Job Felton was recorded as having 140 acres worth $350.00.[14]

In Dorothy Williams Potter's *1820 Federal Census of North Carolina,* on page 23, she listed Elisha Felton with ten children. Job Felton was listed on page 23 also, and Stephen Felton and his wife were accounted for on page 19. This Stephen Felton was probably the oldest son of Elisha and Milly. Throughout the decade of the 1820's, Elisha Felton sold land four times, and he bought twice. Stephen Felton was active during this time also buying and selling land.[15] Elisha Felton was listed on the 1830 Edgecombe County Census, and in his household there were seven children.[16] In the decade of the 1830's, Elisha Felton bought land twice and sold some land to his son William Felton. In 1840 Elisha and Milly Felton were listed with five children at home. Both Elisha and Milly were listed as being between the ages of 60 and 70 years. Job Felton was listed as being in the same age category.[17]

The 1850 Edgecombe County Census listed for the first time the names of the family members at home then in Elisha Felton's family. Elisha was reported to be 76 years old and a farmer with 100 acres cleared and 630 acres that were unimproved. His real estate was valued at $1,000.00. He had three slaves, a male and a female 50 years in age and one 8 year old female. His wife Milly was described as being 80 years old. Daughter Celia was 52 years old and Purity Pittman, who was blind, was 46 years of age. Purity may have been one of Elisha and Milly's daughters. Brothers Hardy and Duncan Skinner were living with the Felton's and described as "farmers".[18] Very likely they were working for the Feltons and possibly there was some kin between them.[19] It seems the other children of Elisha and Milly were married with their own families and living apart by this date.[20] The land records of Edgecombe County tell that Elisha Felton had land transactions in 1851,1852 and in 1853. He sold land twice and bought some land once during this time.[21]

Wife Milly Felton, it appears from the records, died between 1850 and 1852 as the marriage records of Edgecombe County indicate that Elisha Felton married a second time on the 26th of August 1852, to widow Basheba Brinkley Varnell.[22] Basheba Brinkley was first married to Levi Varnell on the 26th of December 1822, in Edgecombe County.[23] Basheba brought property to her marriage to Elisha Felton.[24]

Wilson County Courthouse records filed by son William Felton and James Barnes report that "Elisha Felton late of the County of Wilson died during the month of September AD 1858 having a last will and testament, which was duly admitted to probate at the October term AD 1858 of this court."[25] Invaluable information about the Elisha and Milly Felton family was included in this will. Some children and grandchildren were identified. The estate was divided up by the executors according to Elisha Felton's desires. Three sons were mentioned in the will: Reuben, Stephen and William Felton. Four daughters were also identified: Celeigh, Kasiah, Sally and Anna. In this writer's mind there is the question as to whether Purity Pittman was a daughter or not? She was nearly always with the family and documented in the census reports. She may have married a Pittman man earlier and he died.[26] Whatever her relationship, if any, she was not provided for in the Elisha Felton will in 1852. It appears also that some of the children of Elisha and Milly were not noted in this will and therefore elude efforts to identify them at this point.[27] They might have beem dead at this time, or Elisha might have settled with them before his death. The record is not obvious, so they can't be accounted for in their family of orientation at this writing. Daughter Celeigh Felton seems never to have married and therefore had no descendants.[28]

In the Wilson County will Elisha Felton mentioned the following children and grandchildren by families:[29]

Stephen and Jemimah Amerson Felton: Warren, Martha Ann (wife of John Walker), James, Jerusha and Thomas Felton

Reuben Felton and wife (unknown): John, Dory Ann, Elizabeth, Manoah, Franklin and Columbus Felton

Kasiah Felton and Starkey Howard: Nancy (wife of John Thigpen), Millisant (wife of Hardy Skinner), Elizabeth (wife of John Edwards), Cynthy, Polly Ann, and Margaret Howard

William Felton and Lydia Skinner: Elizabeth (wife of William Burrows), Shade, Robert, Millisant Warren, Ann Felton

Sallie Felton and Amos D. Owens: John F., Pennina (wife of Duncan Skinner), William, Reuben, Elisha,

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Robert, Levy, Amos, and Sarah Owens.

Anna Felton and Joshua Walston: Stephen Henry Walston and Cely Ann Walston

William and Lydia Felton's family can be traced in the Wilson County records. William married a second time after Lydia died to widow Sarah Page Amerson.[30] Sallie and Amos Owens' family is also traceable in the census and land records of Wilson County. Kasiah Felton and Starkey Howard's family left plentiful records in the County of Wilson records. Kasiah died about 1849 and is not in the 1850 Census with her family.[31] Husband Starkey Howard married a second wife Emma Liza Pippen in 1852 and had a second family by her.[32] Son Stephen Felton and his wife Jemimah moved south into several states and can be found on the census records in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.[33] Reuben Felton may also have moved out of North Carolina. At present this writer has no record of his location.

After looking at the census records and Wilson County maps for several years, this writer feels that Elisha Felton's land was very close to Starkey Howards' 347 acres,[34] there near the Wilson and Pitt County line on road 222 heading to Fountain from Saratoga, N. C. No graveyard has been found for the Elisha Felton family. However, the Starkey Howard family cemetery is accounted for and is located in the Saratoga Township on Highway 222, .5 miles east of Galloway Road (SR 1532), on the north side of road 222.[35] From the records, this writer feels sure that the Elisha Felton plantation/farm was near Starkey Howard's home, farm and graveyard. Hopefully, in the future the Elisha Felton family cemetery will be discovered.

Conclusion

The Feltons can be traced in the William Felton family line by the Felton family name. It can also be traced through Sally and Amos Owens or through Kasiah and Starkey Howard's children. Anna Felton and husband Joshua Walston had only two offspring, and they produced no children that this writer is aware of. It is possible that research might flush out Stephen and Jemimah Felton's family or maybe even Reuben Felton's family. It will be a challenge to accomplish more than the Wilson County Feltons mentioned above. There is enough information to write family biographies on the William and Lydia Skinner Felton family and his two sister's families, Sally Felton and Amos Owens and Kasiah Felton and Starkey Howard. It will take the usual interest and research effort to accomplish these projects. They await a future place in one of the issues of *Lines and Pathways* or *Trees of Wilson*.

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10. Same as no. 7 above.
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12. Same as no. 2.
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14. Same as above, pg. 25 for Job Felton.
15. See no. 2 for these land transactions under the individual names.
16. Bradley, *The 1830 Federal Census, Edgecombe County, North Carolina,* nos., 542 & 597.
17. Same as no. 4, pg. 0047 & 0036.
18. See no. 9.
19. At this time it is not known for sure what the maiden name of Elisha Felton's wife Milly was. However, in recent conversation with Jo Webb, who has done Felton research, she stated that Elisha Felton and Milly Carter married in Gates County, N. C.
20. Reuben, Stephen, William, Anna, Kasiah and Sally Felton were all married. Kasiah Felton Howard was dead by 1850.
21. Same as no. 2. Refer to the deeds of Elisha Fel ton.
22. Williams & Griffin, *Marriages of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1868,* pg. 53, Felton-Varnell marriage.
23. Same as above no. 22, pg. 161, see Varnell-Brinkley marriage.
24. J. Robert Boykin, III, *Abstracts of Wills, Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* pg. 33, under Elisha Felton.
25. Jo Webb submitted the Elisha Felton will to *Lines & Pathways of Edgecombe County*. Jan. 2006 issue, pg. 10-11.
26. No marriage record could be found for Purity to determine what her maiden name really was. She lived with members of the Felton family and was identified as "blind."
27. The census reports indicated there were as many, and maybe more than ten Felton children. The will of Elisha Felton did not include ten children.

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OBITUARIES NAMING DISEASE THAT CAUSED DEATH

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Wilson Daily Times, August 5, 1910

Miss Ellen Clark Dead.

Last night the community was shocked when it became known that Miss Ellen Clark had died at Montreat, where she and her sister, Mrs. H. G. Connor, Jr., had gone for recreation.

About two weeks ago Miss Clark was taken ill, but no anxiety was felt over her condition until a few days ago when a trained nurse became necessary.

This week her condition became serious and yesterday her physicians decided that an operation for peritonitis was necessary, and this operation was performed yesterday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock.

Miss Clark passed away about 5:30.

Only yesterday morning relatives here received a telegram stating that she was better and the news of her death was therefore a shock to her relatives and friends.

Miss Clark was a most popular lady and a leading light, not only in social circles, but in all movements for charity and philanthrophy. Probably she did more to aid distress and to add to the pleasure of the Wilson young people than any one else of the city, and her death causes a vacancy in the social and benevolent life of Wilson difficult to fill.

She leaves two brothers and one sister, Mrs. H. G. Connor, Jr., and Mess. W. T. and James J. Clark, with whom we deeply sympathize in their bereavement.

The remains will reach here tonight at 11 o'clock and the funeral services will be held from the residence at 10:30 in the morning and will be conducted by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. C. Shive, of the Presbyterian church, of which organization she was an active and zealous member. She was also a member of the choir of that church and from the members has been received a most appropriate and beautiful floral offering, a lyre of roses.

One of the strings is broken embematical of the loss that is felt at the departure of the deceased, who was ever present when health would permit. [Typed as originally printed.]

Wilson Daily Times, May 3, 1910

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Davis Dead.

Last evening at 11 o'clock Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Davis died at her home on Green street in this city. Some time ago Mrs. Davis suffered a paralytic stroke from which she never fully recovered and Wednesday she had an attack of apoplexy which caused her death. Mrs. Davis was 67 years old and leaves her husband and several children surviving. She [was] a member of the First Baptist church of Wilson and the funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. W. Blanchard, at the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The interment was made in Maplewood cemetery.

[Editor's note: The 1900 Wilson County Census recorded the Davis family as household #146 in Wilson Township. John M. Davis, painter, was born April 1845, married 30 years, born in N. C., father born in ME, mother born in N. C. His wife Sarah E., was born December 1845, had born ten children and three were still living. She and her parents were born in N. C. Living with them were their daughters Ula L., born April 1871, milliner; Minnie L., born August 1875; and Mattie S., born March 1880, all born in N. C. The inscription on Sarah's cemetery marker gives the information: "Sarah E. Davis (Mrs. John) b. 27 DEC 1843, d. 28 APR 1910. The inscription on John's marker gives the information: "John M. Davis, b. 24 APR 1844, d. 21 FEB 1923, 'A Confederate Soldier.'" *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* abstracted by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* compiled by Joan L. Howell]

Wilson Daily Times, September 27, 1910

Mr. Will Drake Dead.

News was received here yesterday evening from Florence, S. C., stating that Mr. Will Drake had died at his home there from the results of a carbuncle. As his relatives and friends in Wilson were unaware of his serious condition, the news of his death was unexpected and shocking.

Mr. Drake is a native Wilsonian who several years ago located in Florence, where he successfully engaged in business, his time being mainly devoted to the management of a large farm. He was a son of the late Dr. Drake and is pleasantly remembered by his old friends here, for he was universally liked, and those who knew him regret his death. Will Drake was a popular, useful and honorable gentleman and "lies down to pleasant dreams." The funeral services were conducted this afternoon at Mullins, S. C., at three o'clock. Among those who attended the last sad rites were his brothers, Messrs Walter and Robert Drake, of Wilson.

[Editor's note: The 1900 Wilson County Census recorded the Wilson Township household #62 of Nicholas Drake, physician, born May 1834, married 42 years; daughter Zurna, born September 1864; son Robert H., druggist, born July 1876; daughter Hattie, born June 1877; son Benjamin H., Dr... for pictures, born June 1877. The grave marker in Maplewood Cemetery records Nicholas' death with this inscription: N. T. Drake, M. D., b. 13 MAY 1832, d. 14 FEB 1904, and on the double marker his daughter-in-law Lilian Farrow Drake, b. 07 AUG 1876, d. 06 NOV 1910, "Wife of R. H. Drake."

W. H. Drake, 30, was married to Maggie Taylor, 20, on March 26, 1899, by James S. Woodard, Primitive Baptist Minister, at Mr. Woodard's home in Gardners Township. In 1900 Walter Drake, salesman, born January 1870, married 1 year; his wife Maggie, born January 1879; and their son Earnie, born January 1900; lived in Wilson Township, household #171. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Howell; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* abstracted by J. Robert Boykin, III]

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Wilson Daily Times, July 1, 1910

Lera Gully

The death angel visited the home of Mr. John A. Gully June 11, 1910, and took from him his youngest daughter, Lera, age eight years, four months and seventeen days. May 26 she was taken with typhoid fever. All was done for her that a skilled physician and loving hands could do, but in vain. God called her to come up higher to live with him, and on Saturday night, June 11, at 12:30 o'clock her spirit was gently borne back to God who gave it. She leaves a father, a sister, two grandmothers, a grandfather and many relatives and friends to whom we would say weep not for she has gone ahead to make the way brighter, to make our desire for heaven greater. She adds to heaven more "beautiful beckoning hands." Little Lera won the hearts of every one for to know her was to love her.

In the school room she was the pride of her teachers, always so cheerfully, so faithfully performing every duty assigned her, always striving to excel. On the play ground her's was the merriest, happiest voice. Her sweet disposition made her the favorite among her schoolmates. In her home she was always so cheerful and happy, ever singing the beautiful songs she loved and performing some little deed of kindness for her loved ones. Oh, how sadly we shall all miss her, but the memory and influence of her pure, beautiful and spotless life will live on in the hearts of those who loved her, making them purer and better for having known her.

"Gone to the beautiful land,
Gone with the angel band;
Freed from earth's sorrow and care,
Safe with the dear Savior there;
All that is glorious to share;
Gone to the beautiful land,
Come with the angel band."

May God comfort the bereaved ones.

ALICE DICKINSON.

[Editor's Note: J. A. Gulley, 24, Wake Co. resident; and Sallie A. Watson, 25, Spring Hill resident; were married by P. T. Lucas, Baptist Minister, on December 22, 1897, at the residence of Levin Watson. The 1900 Wilson County Census transcription, Spring Hill Township household #2, records the family as John A. Gullis, farmer, born March 1874, married two years; Sallie A., wife, born November 1872, 0 births, 0 living children; but daughter Lessie G. Gullis, born December 1898, was in the household.

Living next to them in household #1 were Levin Watson, farmer, born May 1846, married 29 years; his wife Rebecca, born February 1848, two births, two living children; son Harry G., farm laborer; born December 1880; and niece Cassanda Watson, domestic, born December 1878.

The Wilson County 1880 Census listed Springhill Township household #171/171 as that of Levin Watson, 34, farmer; his father Jesse, 80; wife Rebecca, 31; daughter Sally Ann, 8; along with John Wiggs, 40, and Mary Wiggs, 45, servants. L. Watson, son of Jesse and Sarah Watson, had married Rebecca Barnes, daughter of Noel and Nancy Barnes, on December 29, 1870, at the home of Nancy Barnes.

The Levin Watson Cemetery on Watson Grove Church Road in Spring Hill Township includes these graves:

John A. Gulley, b. 12 MAR 1874, d. 08 Jan 1911, husband of Sallie A.

Sallie A. Gulley, b. 20 NOV 1871, d. 23 OCT 1907, wife of John A. Gulley

Valeria Tryon Gulley, b. 24 JAN 1902, d. 11 JUN 1910, daughter of John A. & Sally A. Gulley

Levin Watson, b. 10 MAY 1846, d. 12 APR 1921, husband of Rebecca

Rebecca Watson, b. 12 FEB 1849, d. 01 NOV 1914, wife of Levin Watson

Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Howell and Sharpe; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume I,* compiled by Joan L. Howell; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* abstracted by J. Robert Boykin, III]

Wilson Daily Times, May 3, 1910

Mr. Thomas Herring Dead.

This afternoon about 2 o'clock Mr. Thomas Herring died at the home of his mother on Hill street as the result of a paralytic stroke, which he suffered this morning about 11 o'clock, while engaged at his work in the tailoring establishment of Mr. William Walls.

Mr. Herring had suffered a recent attack from rheumatism of about two weeks duration, but was able to be out attending to his duties this morning. While at work he felt a sharp pain at the back of his head and soon thereafter became unconscious. He was taken home in an ambulance where he died about two o'clock.

Mr. Herring was about 39 years of age, married and leaves his wife and one child, also his mother and four brothers and sisters, Messrs. K. E. Herring and G. L. Herring, Mrs. Graham Winstead and Miss Daisy Herring and Mrs. E. B. Stallings.

The deceased was an industrious young man and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

The funeral arrangements had not been completed at this writing.

[Editor's note: In 1900, the Herring family, living in Wilson Township, was comprised of Nancy Herring, born August 1843; and her children Tom, tailor, born August 1872; Dasy, "soeing," born April 1879; and Grover, born February 1885.

His marker in Maplewood Cemetery gives this information, "Luther Thomas Herring, b. 15 AUG 1871, d. 02 MAY 1910.

Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Howell and Sharpe; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume I,* Howell]

WORLD WAR II DRAFT REGISTRATIONS (FOURTH REGISTRATION, a.k.a., "Old Man's Registration) APRIL 27, 1942

Database: Ancestry.com. U. S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 [database on-line] Original data: United States Selective Service System, Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II: Fourth Registration. National Archives and Records Administration

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

[Note: The original draft registration cards for North Carolina and several other southern states were destroyed several years ago before they were microfilmed. The persons included here were born in Wilson County and living in other states at the time of their registration.]

Name	Race	DOB	Residence	Notes
Bagley, Ernest	---	3/15/1895	River Rd. (near Millers Store), Bethesda, Montgomery Co., MD	Contact and employer, Eisinger Mill & Lumber Co., Bethesda; /s/ Ernest Bagley
Bagley, William	B	1/5/1894	151 Whitson St., Portsmouth VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Maggie Howell, Portsmouth; employer, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth; 5'7", 160 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; light brown complexion; scar under right jaw; /s/ William Bagley
Bailey, Floyd Branch	W	4/20/1890	1002 Wilcox Ave., Portsmouth VA	Born Wilson County; contact, J.H. Bailey, Bailey NC; employer, Rust Engineering Co., Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth; 5'4 ½", 120 lbs.; blue eyes, bald; light complexion; /s/ F.B. Bailey
Baines, Milton	B	10/5/1885	817 Farmer St., Petersburg VA	Contact, Virginia Booker, Petersburg; employer, A.P. James, bricklayer contractor, Petersburg; 5'7 ½", 147 lbs.; black eyes and hair; black complexion; signed with X
Baines, William Arthur	---	6/30/1894	1930 Jefferson St., Philadelphia PA	Contact, Lillie Mae Baines, Philadelphia; employer, Tocco, Pier 40, Philadelphia; /s/ Arthur Baines
Baker, Jim	B	3/4/1883	Keo, Lonoke Co., AR	Contact, Mary Ella Baker; employer, S.C. Cobb, farm; 5'5", 138 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; mustache; /s/ Jim Baker
Baker, William Henry	B	9/19/1888	19 Terrace Pl., Belleville, Essex Co., NJ	Born Wilson County; tel. BE2-2685; contact, Lulu E. Baker, Belleville; employer, Brookdale Homes Inc., Bloomfield NJ; 5'6", 181 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; black complexion; glasses; /s/ William Henry Baker
Ballance, Henry Roscoe	W	11/18/1887	308 Pembroke Ave., Norfolk VA	Tel. 25926; born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. H.R. Ballance, Durham NC; employer, Virginia Engineering Co., Naval Base, Norfolk; 5'5 ½ ", 162 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; ruddy complexion; /s/ Harry Roscoe Ballance
Ballard, William	B	8/8/1895	Near Pairs' service sta., 2 mi. north of Emporia, Greensville Co., VA	Contact and employer, Buck Robinson, farm 2 mi. north of Emporia; 5'8", 180 lbs.; brown hair, black eyes; black complexion; signed with X

Barbour, Charles William Hubert	---	11/25/1893	919 McCulloh St., Baltimore MD	Contact, Ora Martin, Baltimore; unemployed; /s/ Charles Wm.H. Barbour
Barden, James Lee	B	1/27/1895	860 Calvert St.,	Contact, Mazie Barden, Norfolk; employer, Naval
			Norfolk VA	Operating Base, Norfolk; 5'8", 178 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; middle finger of left hand missing; /s/ James Barden
Barfoot, Warren	---	3/24/1886	643 N. 46th St., Philadelphia PA	Tel. Bar. 504; contact, Mrs. Margaret Barfoot, Philadelphia; employer, Pullman Co., Philadelphia; black eyes, gray hair, slightly bald; light brown complexion; /s/ Warren Barfoot
Barnes, Andreson	B	10/11/1887	Cheriton VA	Contact, Arstonal Williams, Cheriton; employer, Guy Webster, Cheriton, 5'5", 180 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; dark brown complexion; signed with X
Barnes, Buck	B	1885	710 E. Leigh St., Richmond VA	Contact, Mrs. Gray, Richmond; unemployed; 5'6", 137 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; black complexion; signed with X
Barnes, Charlie Oscar	W	8/19/1880	510 S. Highland St., Arlington VA	Tel. CH-9467; contact, Rev. A.S. Barnes, M.E. Orphans Home, Raleigh NC (brother); employer, University Life Insurance Co., Alexandria VA; 5'10", 160 lbs.; blue eyes, gray hair; light complexion; /s/ Charlie Oscar Barnes
Barnes, Chester	---	11/9/1895	2437 N. 25th St., Philadelphia PA	Tel. BA1-1564; contact, Mrs. Millie Hurst; employer, U.S.P.S., Philadelphia; /s/ Chester Barnes
Barnes, Clayton	B	8/14/1882	Allport, Crooked Creek, Lonoke Co., AR	Contact, Mrs. Jinnie Barnes, England AR; employer, Charlie Triplette, Pine Bluff AR; 5'8", 169 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; signed with X
Barnes, Elroy	B	5/23/1888	Palestine, St. Francis Co., AR	Contact, Daisy Barnes, Palestine; self-employed; 5'6", 145 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; light brown complexion; /s/ Elroy Barnes
Barnes, Fred	---	2/24/1893	520 Lowell St., Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., PA	Born Wilson County; tel. Mo 3983; contact, Mrs. Eliza Barnes, Pittsburgh; employer, Eva Carson Donaldson, Pittsburgh; /s/ Fred Barnes
Barnes, Fred	B	3/10/1896	Caldwell, St. Francis Co., AR	Contact, Luna Barnes (wife), Caldwell; employer, Hughes & Hughes farm, share worker, Caldwell; 5'6", 249 lbs.; brown eyes, black and gray hair; dark brown complexion; /s/
Barnes, George Elijah	B	7/28/1896	RD 1, Box 26, Hightstown, Mercer	Born Elm City NC; contact, Elizabeth Cooper, Northfork WV; employer, Charles J. Applegate,
			Co., NJ	farmer, Hightstown; 5'7", 148 lbs.; brown eyes, black and gray hair; black complexion; scar under left eye; /s/ George Barnes

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M. F. Barnes	(F)	19
Elmer Barnes	(M)	8
Claude Aycock	(M)	43
Wiley Lamm	"	10
I. A. Lamm	"	6
S. A. Boyette	"	32
I. N. Williamson	"	35
Otto Barnes	"	14
E. C. Barnes	"	32
Luther Barnes	"	15
James R. Barnes	"	50
Lloyd Johnson	"	7
Bynum Lamm	"	57
I. W. Lamm	"	37
Alberta W. Lamm	(F)	2
Jane Barnes	"	41

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[Editor's note: While doing a spot check in the Wilson County 1900 Census, the following were identified:

Isaac W. Lamm, physician, born September 1864, married seven years, lived in the Town of Lucama. His wife, Ola M., born January 1870, daughter Vance D., born April 1894; and son Jasper H., born December 1896, born in Virginia; lived with him.

L. F. Lucas may have been Larry Lucas, farmer, born February 1849, who also lived in the Town of Lucama with his wife Martha, daughters Mary L. and Ethel, and son Authur.

J. R. Renfrow was probably James R. Rentfrow, farmer, born February 1867, married seven years, who lived in Spring Hill Township. His wife Linda, born October 1877; their daughter Bessie, born September 1895; and son Robert, born April 1896, lived with him.

Burket Lamm may have been the Burket Lamm, farmer, born January 1845, married 27 years, who lived in Spring Hill Township. His wife Susan, daughters Lenetta, Luetta, Sallie A., and Dollie F., and son James A., lived with him.

Frank Farmer and Eliza Farmer may have been the Town of Lucama household #92. Frank Farmer, farm laborer, was born December 1818, married ten years; his wife Elisa, was born in 1852, had nine births with one child living. His mother-in-law Faithy Barden, born in 1830, lived with them.

The Dew's, Isaac, Easter, Martha, Lecy, and Edget, may have been the Town of Lucama household #177. Isaac J. Dew, farmer, born in May 1844, married 32 years, and his wife Easter, born January 1850, had thirteen children with eight living. Their daughters Martha C., born March 1877; Arbecie, born January 1880; Laura, born June 1882; Georgia A., born August 1883; and Louesa, born September 1888; and son Agette, born February 1886; lived with them. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* abstracted by Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe]

(Elisha and Milly Felton Family, continued from page 16)

28. Celeigh Felton was last listed in the 1870 Wilson County Census as being 73 years old. Never was she listed any where as married and with children of her own. See Joan L. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870,* pg. 124, no. 104. See H. B. Johnston, *The First Federal Census of Wilson County, 1860,* for "Celia Felton", no. 810-805. She was enumerated as being born in 1790. Three people were listed in her Saratoga home: Mary born in 1856, Delpha born Nov. 1859, and Elisha Felton 35 years old. Maybe Mary and Delpha were his children.
29. Same as no. 25.
30. Sarah Page Amerson's first husband was Wiley Amerson and the father of their three girls, Mary, Caroline and Sarah E. Amerson. Wiley Amerson was killed in the Civil War on the 13th of January 1863, at Drewry's Bluff, Virginia, *The N. C. Troops,* Vol. X, pg. 351. Sometime after Wiley's death, Sarah/Sally Amerson married widower William Felton who was considerably older than Sally. William Felton's first wife Lydia Skinner had died by the time William and Sally were listed in the Wilson County Census for 1870. No graveyard has been found for the William Felton family in Wilson County.
31. Same as no. 9 above, pg. 99, under "Last Page (not numbered)." The very last entry is "Kenah Howard, 42 years old, died in February 1849 of miscarried 1-mo." This writer believes this is Kasiah Felton Howard. She is not listed with her Starkey Howard family on page 41 in the 1850 Edgecombe Census.
32. Same as no. 22 above, pg. 78, for marriage of Starky Howard and Emeliza Pippen, 30 Nov. 1852.
33. Use Ancesterv. Com, 1850 Louisiana Census for Stephen Felton family.
34. Wilson County Courthouse deeds under Starkey Howard. His estate was divided to his heirs, Deed Book 16, pgs. 574-576,30 Nov. 1880.
35. Howell, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Vol. III,* pgs. 90-92, "The Starkey Howard Cemetery." Today it is unkempt and over grown compared to a few years back in time.

LAURA JEAN "JEANIE" BAILEY QUERY

Seeking death information. Census dated April 15, 1930, for N. C., Nash County, listed her as 2 years old, the youngest child of John Nurney and Grace Mildred Boykin Bailey of Bailey Township. She married Leslie Wooten Tyson, in 1954 or 1955; their divorce was final in 1961 (documents say divorce occurred in Bainbridge, GA). Believed to have died in a Wilson, N. C., hospital. Search at Wilson County Register of Deeds from 1961-1976 found no death certificate under this name. Contact Bridget Tyson Edwards with more information about Jeanie. bedwards@bnkj.com

[Editor's note: WCGS will print queries in *Trees* when sufficient information is given to identify the individual, place and time period.]

JANUARY 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Sue Powell, President, welcomed guests and members to the meeting. Guests were introduced, and minutes were approved as written in January Trees. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Wanda Taylor.

A reminder was given that dues are being accepted now for 2011.

Wilson, North Carolina, Historical Properties Inventory books are back from the printers and available for purchase. An every name index, an index by street address, and greatly improved maps of each district with the historic properties marked have been added. Lu-Ann Munson, Historic Preservation Planner with the City of Wilson, worked with Sue to improve and correct the original printing and prepare the republication. The sale price is $20.00, tax $1.55, and shipping charge of $5 if mailed.

We are still seeking another person to take over the duties of shipping the WCGS orders. This involves packaging and mailing our books and maps when an order is received. WCGS reimburses all costs.

Lois Bass presented a copy of the Lower Black Creek Primitive Baptist Hymn Book to be donated to the library.

[See the announcements in the following section.]

Carroll Arthur, our guest speaker, spoke on the "50th Year Memorial Visit by Next of Kin in and near the Crash Site," (KB29J ACFT Refueler Crash in Alaska on 27 Dec. 1956, with 8 causalities). Pictures of Luther Gene Lamm, a Wilson County native, and of the crash site were shown. He gave an interesting account of the crash including a newspaper account, and gave a power point presentation of the refueler airplane, the crash, and the Bronze Plaque to mark the site. Several family members attended the dedication of the plaque and visited the crash site.

Carol M. Forbes for Frances Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Inventory Clearance Price Mark Down: *1870 Census* and *Cemeteries III*—$25, *They Moved Away*—$10, calendars for previous years—$2.
- The Wilson County Historical Association will meet February 22, 4 pm, Wilson County Public Library Assembly Room.
- The Wilson County Public Library is one of the historic North Carolina libraries featured in the February issue of Our State magazine.
- M. E. "Pete" Williams, a WCGS member, has written *Between the Waters of the Tar and Toisnot*, a historical novel about his parents and how they met. To tell their story, he has incorporated family stories and real events, some embellished. The families lived in Nash and Wilson Counties. The chapters are dated and cover events in 1861, 1895, 1915-1935, and 1942-1945. The book is very well written, and the stories are informational and entertaining. The book can be ordered from www.amazon.com .
- The Edgecombe County Genealogical Society will be having a lock-in for their February meeting at the Edgecombe County Memorial Library where members are able to research for an extra two hours after closing time.
- The next meeting of the Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society (Wayne County) will be held Saturday, April 16, 2011, 10:30 am, at the Wayne County Public Library.
- The second session of "Who Do You Think You Are?" began on February 4, 2011. The celebrities who will be traced this season are Vanessa Williams, Tim McGraw, Kim Cattrall, Rosie O'Donnell, Lionel Richie, Steve Buscemi, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Ashley Judd.
- The North Carolina History Center, a new regional museum which "celebrates New Bern and the many famous people who walked this earth and this confluence of the Trent and Neuse Rivers" is well worth a visit. Located adjacent to Tryon Palace, New Bern, N. C., the museum incorporates an interactive and technology-centered approach to aspects of its exhibits. Visitors go through a series of high-tech experiences that show them what it was like to live in the 19th century.
- The National Genealogical Society Annual Family History Conference will be held May 11-14, 2011, in Charleston, S. C. Details at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info .
- The North Carolina Genealogical Society Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting will be held October 29, 2011, in Raleigh. Barbara Vines Little will be the speaker.
- Preservationists vs. Wal-Mart. A petition to prevent Wal-Mart from building a store on a portion of the Wilderness Battleground was announced. Since our meeting, Wal-Mart has withdrawn their plans to develop that site.

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Payment and shipping: Shipping cost for each book is $5.00 ($10.00 for *Wilson County Marriages,* a set of two books). Shipping cost for maps is $5.00 for 1-4 items. Add 7.75% sales tax for NC residents on merchandise total (not on shipping).

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President's Message

Last month I spoke to you about ways that WCGS members have helped in the preparation of *Trees of Wilson* and encouraged other members to submit articles about their families, transcriptions of court records, wills, land deeds, etc. Others may have time to type in computer ready format newspaper articles or other documents that have already been contributed for use. Keep your minds alert for material that would be of interest to our members.

The first project undertaken by WCGS, spearheaded by Joan L. Howell, was to survey of all the cemeteries in Wilson County. Many members spent numerous hours visiting cemeteries and recording their location and the inscriptions on the grave markers. Subsequently, four volumes of cemetery records have been published providing an invaluable record of Wilson County family records.

Sadly, many of those cemeteries have vanished as farmers or nature have destroyed them, so our books provide a lasting record. Not only do they give birth and date records and often family connections, they give a location for the family.

However, the project is incomplete. At least two more volumes are expected. Some of the surveys have been done, but there are still cemeteries that have not been recorded. On site proofreading is needed for these cemeteries. We need to do it before the cemeteries or markers are lost.

If you can help, please let us know by phone 252-243-1660 or email at wcgs.earthlink.net .

Sue Evans Powell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, March 29th
7:00 PM

Please join us for our next meeting on March 29th at the library.

Following the business session, our program will be presented by Elaine Richardson, the Visitor's Service Coordinator of the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly. She will speak about the history of the museum and about what the museum has to offer. She will tell about some of the exhibits they have and upcoming events.

Upcoming programs:
April 26—Terry Bryant, restoration of the remaining portion of Wilson Collegiate Institute/Wilson Confederate Hospital and plans for it to become a museum
May 31—TBA
September 27—TBA
October 25—Doug Rader, Early Colonization Around Stantonsburg
November 29—Annual Meeting

NEW PUBLICATION

1860 Johnston County Census, East of the Neuse

J. Albert Bass has added another census abstract to the collection of his transcriptions. The entries are made consecutively by house number and contain ten columns of information. Also included are genealogical reports for those persons related to him. An every name index (referenced to household numbers) is included.

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GEORGE MEWBORN, AND PARROTT MEWBORN, JR.

Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers of the United States
(Published in 1909, Reprinted in 1984)
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mewborn, Elder George, the oldest son of Elder Parrott Mewborn was born December 26, 1824. As a boy he was bright and industrious, quick to learn and a great lover of books. In early manhood he taught school and worked as a clerk, but by experience learned that he preferred farming, at which he was successful. He was, in 1848, married to Miss Nancy Hardy. Some years later he was made to feel his sinful condition by nature and what he must be by grace to meet God in peace, was given hope in Jesus and in 1850 united with the church at Mewborn's and was baptized by his father. He served his church as clerk and deacon and during the latter years of his life "commenced to speak as a minister and bid fair to become an able minister though he was never ordained to the full work of the ministry." He died in 1859 in his thirty-fourth year of age.

Mewborn, Elder Parrott, Jr., son of Elder Parrot Mewborn, was born August 21, 1834, and died April 15, 1881. He served in the Civil War, and was in the fall of 1865 married to Miss Lany Hardy. In 1868 he was given a sweet hope in Jesus and united with the church at Mewborns, Green County, and was baptized by Elder T. W. Wills. In 1873 he was ordained to the gospel work by Elders S. Pate and Thos. W. Wills. He was a good disciplinarian and great lover of peace.

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DEATHS NOTICES NAMING A DISEASE

Deaths and Marriages from Tarboro Newspapers, 1824-1865, compiled by Hugh Buckner Johnston

[Editor's note: For the purposes of documenting illnesses, names are included if the newspaper obituary listing gave the cause of death.]

Richard Henry Lewis, Esq., died in Pitt County on January 18, 1857, aged about fifty years. (S. January 24, 1857) A later issue stated that he died of consumption on January 19, 1857, in his fifty-first year. (S. February 7, 1857)

Robert H. Lewis, Esq., died at Milton of consumption on September 3, 1860, aged thirty-three years, and leaving a widow and two small children. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. (S. September 22, 1860)

Josephine Little, daughter of Colonel L. G. Little of Pitt County, died in Tarboro of the measles on July 10, 1862, aged about eighteen years. (S. July 12, 1862)

Captain Baker W. Mabrey of the 44th North Carolina Regiment, died of typhoid fever at the home of his uncle Baker Staton near Tarboro on September 18, 1862, aged thirty-three years. "He had been twice married, and was a childless widower at the time of his death." (S. September 20. 1862)

William Almarine Mabrey, formerly of Edgecombe County, died of typhoid fever in Martin County on October 23, 1855, aged about twenty-eight years. (S. October 27, 1855)

Paschal P. Matthewson died "a few days since" of the smallpox in Providence, Rhode Island, being a son of the late Nathan Matthewson of the Edgecombe County Court. (T. F. P. August 1, 1834)

Richard McKinne died at the home of his uncles J. and H. McKinne in Alabama of typhoid fever on January 17, 1852, aged nineteen years. (S. February 21, 1852)

Augustus Moore, Esq. of Williamston died "a few days since" in Jacksonville, Florida, of consumption and aged about twenty-three years. He had represented Martin County in the last General Assembly. (S. April 21, 1860)

Nathan Moore, son of S. E. Moore, died of brain fever at Tarboro on July 20, 1862, aged about four years. (S. July 26, 1862)

William G. Moore, grandson of William and Telitha Grimes, died of typhoid fever in Edgecombe County on September 13, 1855, aged twenty-two years. (S. September 15, 1855)

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morgan, wife of Laertes Morgan of Halifax County, died of cancer of the mouth on October 25, 1827. (F. P. November 24, 1827)

Mrs. Olivia Nobles, wife of Dr. John Nobles, died in Wilson County on March 15, 1857, aged about twenty-five years, and leaving two children. She died of a congestive chill. (S. March 21, 1857)

Dr. F. W. H. Osborne of North Carolina died in Mobile, Alabama, "of the prevailing fever" on September 30, 1829, aged about twenty-eight years. (F. P. November 6, 1829)

William Pearce, son of the Rev. William Pearce, died of scarlet fever at Tarboro on December 18, 1841, aged about four years. (T. P. December 25, 1841)

Anderson H. Peebles, a native of Warren County, died of brain fever at Tarboro on March 8, 1856, aged about twenty-seven years. On February 27, 1856, he had married Elizabeth Ann Cherry, daughter of the late Cader Cherry. (S. March 15, 1856)

(to be continued in a future issue of Trees of Wilson)

OBITUARIES NAMING THE DISEASE THAT CAUSED THE DEATH

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Wilson Daily Times, January 3, 1919

MILLARD T. BAGLEY

In the prime of his life and in his thirty-first year, Millard T. Bagley was summoned this morning at 8:30 o'clock. Only a few days ago Millard was stricken with Spanish Influenza which rapidly developed into pneumonia and his condition grew critical until the end came this morning.

He was born and lived his life among his relatives and friends at Stantonsburg, and truly he was a friend and favorite to all who knew him. He was kind, courteous, and big-hearted, with an unusually bright and sunny disposition. He was never found wanting in words of sympathy, comfort and cheer, choosing always to administer rather than to be administered unto.

He leaves a devoted wife, a little girl and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

He will be buried tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at Stantonsburg.

[Editor's notes: The 1900 census for Stantonsburg Township included the household of Annie C. Bagley, born January 1859, and her son Millard T., born October 1887. Millard T. Bagley, born October 4, 1887, died January 1, 1919, was buried in Stantonsburg Town Cemetery.
Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Howell and Sharpe; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Vol. I,* Howell]

Wilson Daily Times, April 4, 1914

PARKER BATTLE

Worthy Colored Man Passes.

Parker Battle, one of Wilson's worthiest colored citizens died last night following a severe stroke of paralysis.

The deceased leaves a wife and five children, all representative colored people.

"Uncle Parker" as he was familiarly known was 59 years of age, and has been in the employ of Mr. George Wainwright for the past 25 years.

The funeral services will be conducted at the Baptist church (colored) tomorrow afternoon at 3 p. m.

Wilson Daily Times, April 6, 1914

Funeral of Parker Battle.

The funeral of Parker Battle at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon was conducted by Fred Davis, the former pastor of the Baptist church assisted by other pastors and was attended by a large number of friends. Addresses were made by Col. J. F. Bruton and Rev. T. W. Chambliss.

A resolution of respect by the board of deacons and the congregation was also read.

Wilson Daily Times, April 6, 1914

Card of Thanks.

We are using this means to thank our sympathetic friends, both white and colored who so beautifully assisted, stood by and offered hope and encouragement in our bereavement. The wife and children of Parker Battle, the deceased mourn our loss but feel sure it is Heaven's gain and we are striving to carry out the principals He so relentlessly tried to instill in us. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

ELLA L. BATTLE,
AND CHILDREN.

[Editor's note: Parker Battle, 25, married Ella Burston, 23, on May 18, 1880, at the Baptist Church. The marriage was performed by Joseph E. Carter, minister, and witnessed by Cobb Moss, G. B. Carter and G. W. Blount.

In the 1900 Wilson County census, Parker Battle, born March 1855, moulder; and his wife of 20 years, Ella L. D., born January 1862, teacher, five births, five living children; lived in Wilson Township. Their children, Mamie P., born March 1881; James A., born November 1883; Sallie R., born October 1884; Sudie E., born October 1887; and John T., born October 1890; were all living at home and "at school." Also in the household was Parker's mother-in-law, Roberta A. Outland, born August 1830, five births, one living child.
Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Boykin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe]

Wilson Daily Times, August 19, 1910

MRS. EVELYN PASCHALL KEYS

Yesterday evening about six o'clock Mrs. S. R. Keys, nee Evelyn Paschall died after several weeks illness of typhoid fever. Mrs. Keys contracted fever at her home in Wilmington and was brought here to be at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Paschall, but her condition became so serious that she was afterwards removed to the Wilson Sanitorium. There her condition continued critical and for several days her recovery was almost despaired of and the end yesterday evening was not surprising.

Mrs. Keys was only twenty years of age and leaves an infant child of only two months old. Last year she

LUCY ROWE

Invoices contributed by John Hackney

Lucy Rowe was the daughter of Thomas J. Rowe and wife Edith J. Barnes who were married July 22, 1866. Edith was the daughter of Jonathan and Nannie Barnes.

In 1850, Thomas Rowe, 6; Zilla Rowe, 10; and Nehalian Rowe, 5; lived in the Wayne County household of Richard Barker, 25, farmer. Also living in the household were Sarah Barker, 29; Sarah Baker, 2; and Clarky Artice, 10.

In 1860, Zilla A. Rowe, 20; and Napoleon, 15; lived in the Black Creek District household of Sallie Simms, 47, farmer. Also living in the household were A. J. Simms, 31, and Ellen Simms, 24. Loumisa Rowe, 17, and Thomas, 16, student, lived in the Black Creek District household of Edith Horn, 63, farmer. Also living there were Amos Horn, 39, farmer; A. L. Mendenhall, 23, school teacher; Richard E. Cox, 8; and Peaty Barnes, 26.

In 1870, Thomas Roe, 26, farmer; Edith, 22; Howard, 2; and Lucy, 9 months; lived in Black Creek Township.

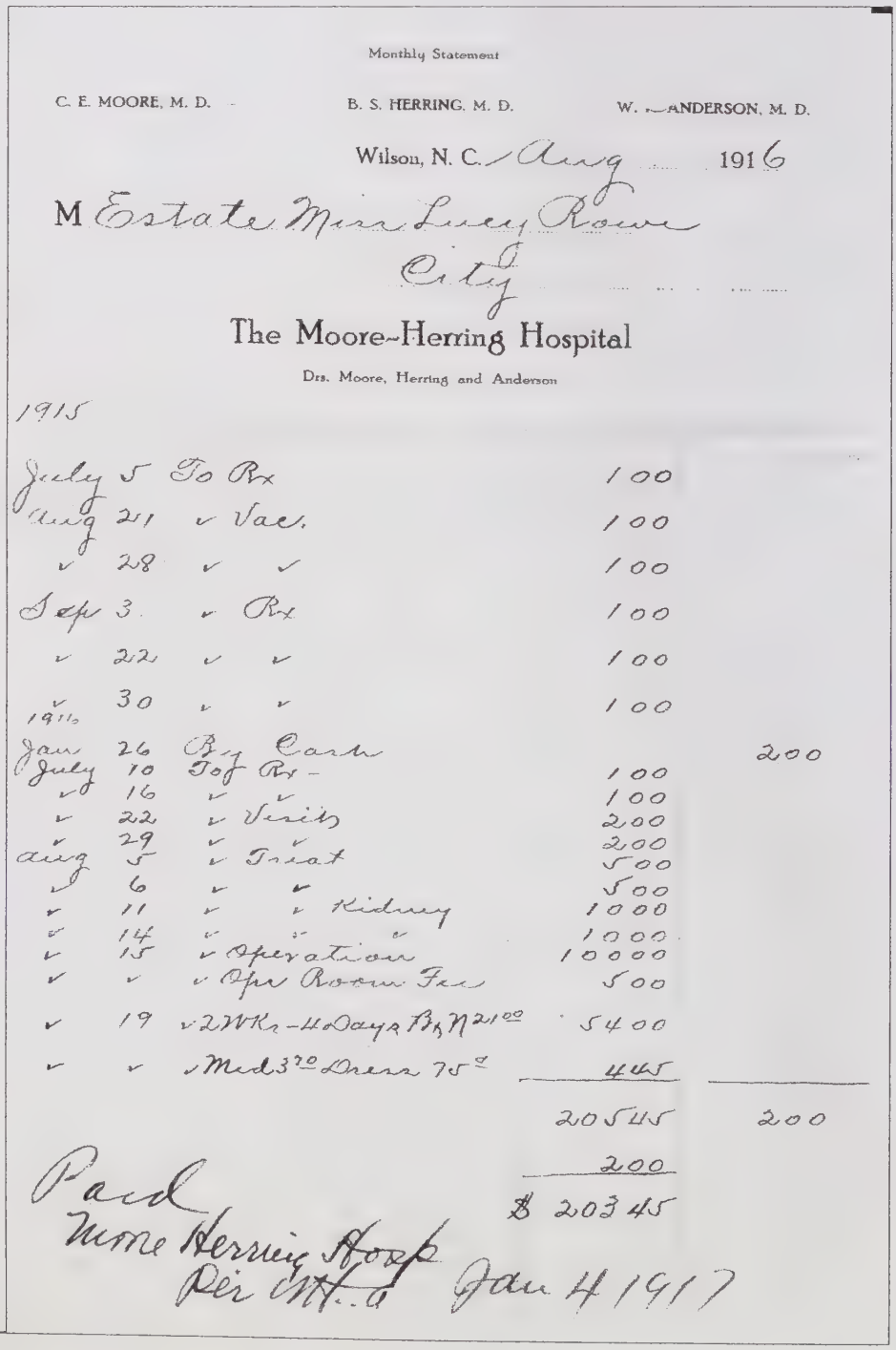
In 1880, Thomas Rowe, 36, farmer; and his wife Edith J., 32; lived in Black Creek Township. Their children Howard, 12; Lucy, 10; George, 8; Hattie, 6; and Sallie, 11 months; lived with them.

In 1900, Grover Rowe, born May 1871, farmer; his sister, Lucy, born August 1869; and brother, Howard M., born September 1867, collector-notes; lived in the Town of Black Creek.

From the statements from Moore-Herring Hospital and Quinn-McGowen Furniture Company, it would appear that Lucy died on August 19, 1916, possibly from a kidney problem for which she was operated.

The Moore-Herring Hospital, located at the corner of Douglas and Green Streets, later became Woodard Herring Hospital. Quinn-McGowen Furniture Company, located on the corner of Goldsboro and Barnes Streets, later got out of the embalming and funeral business and became Quinn Furniture Company. Turlington & Moore, Registered Druggists, later became Morrison's Drug Store. The drug store, first located in Briggs Hotel, was established in 1906 with R. A. Turlington as president and treasurer, and L. S. Edwards as secretary. They had a very popular soda fountain. By 1916 E. S. Morrison had bought into the business, and the name changed to Turlington and Morrison. It was later located nearby with its own store front on Nash Street.

Wilson County's Founding Families, Powell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900*, Howell and Sharpe; *Historic Wilson in Vintage Postcards*, Boykin



Monthly Statement

C. E. MOORE, M. D. B. S. HERRING, M. D. W. ANDERSON, M. D.

Wilson, N. C. Aug 1916

M Estate Miss Lucy Rowe

City

The Moore-Herring Hospital

Drs. Moore, Herring and Anderson

1915				
July	5	To Rx	100	
Aug	21	" Vac.	100	
"	28	" "	100	
Sep	3	" Rx	100	
"	22	" "	100	
"	30	" "	100	
1916				
Jan	26	By Cash		200
July	10	To Rx	100	
"	16	" "	100	
"	22	" Visits	200	
"	29	" "	200	
Aug	5	" Treat	500	
"	6	" "	500	
"	11	" " Kidney	1000	
"	14	" " "	1000	
"	15	" Operation	10000	
"	"	" Opr Room Fee	500	
"	19	" 2 Wks - 4 Days B & N 21.00	5400	
"	"	" Med 3.70 Dress 75¢	445	
			20545	200
			200	
			$ 20345	

Paid
Moore Herring Hosp
Per M.A. Jan 4 1917

IN ACCOUNT WITH

Wilson N.C. Turlington & Moore Incorporated

Phone [redacted] 233

NAME Miss Lucy Rowe

1916 DATE [illegible] 1916 191

DATE			DEBITS	CREDITS
July	10	Rs 137 [illegible] Embalmed Linen Dress	[illegible]	
"	13	Rs 13995 [illegible] (16) Rs 137 [illegible] 51 [illegible]	[illegible]	
"	24	Rs 137624 [illegible] Aug 13 Rs 137 [illegible] Rs 137 [illegible]	[illegible]	
Aug	9	Rs 137858 [illegible] Rs 137 [illegible]	[illegible]	
		[illegible]	1 [illegible]	
			1 [illegible]	

Sworn to before me
this 3rd day of Nov 1916
E P Anderson Paid Turlington & Moore
N.P. 11-4-16 M.S.M.

A. D. McGOWEN, President & Mgr J. W. THOMAS, Vice-Pres. J. W. QUINN, Sec. & Treas.

WILSON, N. C., Jan. 24, 1917

Miss Lucy Rowe's Estate. By H. M. Rowe.

Bought of Quinn-McGowen Furniture Co.
GOODS THAT ARE BETTER
WILSON, N.C.

TERMS: _____ LICENSED EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS

1916

Aug. 19	To 1 casket	50 00	
	" use Coarse (Twice)	15 00	
	" grave	1 50	
	" Lining grave	2 50	
			$69.00

1-26-17

U. S.

Thank you!

VACCINATIONS BY DR. S. H. CROCKER

North Carolina State Archives, Wilson County Miscellaneous Records, Miscellaneous Records, C.R. 105.928.9

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Moyton, N.C., _____190_

Jan. 10

Will Batts	W	M	19
Charles Batts	W	M	17
May Balls	W	F	14
Willie Sumerlin	W	M	11
Ann Mercer	C	F	60
Henrette Applewhite	C	F	31
Annie "	C	F	4
Marvin "	C	M	2
Jane Ellis	C	F	60
Henretta Ellis	C	F	18
Jemima "	C	F	16
Chery "	C	F	15
Norfleet "	C	M	10
Hardie "	C	M	9
Ed "	C	M	8
Kansas "	C	F	22

Jan 11 1902

Jennett Barnes	C	F	6
Daisy Sumerlin	W	F	18
Hattie "	W	F	16
Renna "	W	F	14
George Whitley	W	M	12
Bessie Sumerlin	W	F	10
Amos Ellis	C	M	42
Cherry "	C	F	40
Lena "	C	F	8
Lizzie "	C	F	15
Mack "	C	M	6
Sam "	C	M	17
James "	C	M	9
James Bass	W	M	34
Mrs. Sam Briem	W	F	19
Robt Bass	W	M	10
Mary "	W	F	12
Dick Hall	C	M	21
George Wynn	C	M	19
Jim Hall	C	M	19
Will Shelton	W	M	23
Roselle Wheeler	W	M	21
Thomas "	W	M	11
Louis Barnes	C	M	16
Robt Barnes	C	M	13
Fannie McCowen	C	F	21
Eddie Whitley	W	M	14
Barley "	W	M	10
Elizo Barnes	C	M	18
Ivey "	C	M	14
Nora "	C	F	8
Ed "	C	M	10
Mamie "	C	F	9
John "	C	M	19
Sarah "	C	F	42

Jan 12 190_

Sam Briem	W	M	25
Lonnie Woodley	W	M	38
Zell "	W	F	9
Mary "	W	F	11
Asie Finch	W	F	60
John Woodley	W	M	4
Macon Whitley	W	M	16
E. E. Daily	W	M	27
Emma Artis	C	F	15
Hallie Artis	C	F	11
Lillie Artis	C	F	8
Marcellus Artis	C	M	6
Ed Artis	C	M	10
Barden Wheeler	W	M	50
Walter "	W	M	35
Estelle "	W	F	7
Martha "	W	F	5
Spicy "	W	F	3
Joe "	W	M	13
Ernest "	W	M	9

Jan 14 1902

Oscar Sumerlin	W	M	20
P. A. Moore	W	M	23
L. L. Bartlett	W	M	20
Willie Booth	W	M	21
Jake Farmer	W	M	54
Mary Farmer	W	F	44
Liddie "	W	F	21
Evie "	W	F	17
Lizzie "	W	F	3
Richard "	W	M	16
Frank Batts	W	M	22
Sherard Ellis	C	M	29
William Farmer	W	M	10
Henry Falk	C	M	35
J. G. Booth	W	M	45
Ellen "	W	F	44
Iver "	W	F	14
Arthur "	W	M	12
John Booth	W	M	19
Chas "	W	M	7
Ever "	W	F	8
Lee "	W	F	4
Willie Ellis	C	M	8
Robt "	C	M	6
Lizzie "	C	F	4
Maggie	C	F	3
John Mayo	C	M	38
Rufus Batts	W	M	19

Jan 18 190_

John C. Stanton	W	M	33
Mrs. A. P. Moore	W	F	34
Robt. Yelverton	W	M	15
Emma Sauls	C	F	16
Frank Whitley	W	M	41

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(S. H. Crocker Vaccinations, continued from page 30)

1/19 1902

Mrs. J. C. Stanton	W	F	30
Josh "	W	M	4
Louise "	W	F	3
Mary "	W	F	2
Connie Artis	C	M	5
Amond "	C	F	30
Lucy Batts	C	F	8
John Applewhite	C	M	22
Henry Burnie	C	M	40
James Batts	W	M	23
A. J. Wright	W	M	56
W. P. Taylor	W	M	20
Roscoe Wright	W	M	18
Jake "	W	M	11
Richard "	W	M	15
Zadie "	W	F	19
Lena "	W	F	25
Mabel	W	F	11
Mrs. Arch Finch	W	F	30
Fannie Finch	W	F	22
John Finch	W	M	10
Allie "	W	F	8
Vannie "	W	F	11
Virginia "	W	F	5
Arch ", Jr.	W	M	2
Nellie Taylor	W	F	21
Mary Borsum	W	F	11
Nora "	W	F	8
Celia "	W	F	10
M. Owens	W	M	19
P. A. Owens	W	M	32
B. J. Thompson	W	M	38
Mrs. W. H. Applewhite	W	F	42
Linie "	W	F	10
Anner "	W	F	6
Mrs. Owens	W	F	44

1/25 1902

Bessie Jones	W	F	18
Myrtle Rodgers	W	F	19
Walter Petway	W	M	15
Wiley Webb	W	M	23 (11?)
W. E. Webb	W	M	11 (23?)
C. E. Flora	W	M	16
Tommie Rodgers	W	M	23
Mattie Rodgers	W	F	16
Charlie Ruffin	C	M	23
W. G. Rodgers	W	M	24
Johnnie Rodgers	W	M	17
Minnie Bartlett	W	F	13
Robert Gardner	W	M	9
J. T. Bowen	W	M	20
J. L. Yelverton	W	M	29
Annie Bagley	W	F	41
J. B. Bartlett	W	M	54
Betta Taylor	W	F	61
Mary Wright	W	F	17
Mary Jones	W	F	39
Lucy "	W	F	16
Myke "	W	M	16
Wade Jones	W	M	9
Thad "	W	M	13
Alma Lucas	C	F	20
Ralf "	C	M	5
Ed "	C	M	1
Joe "	C	M	25
Florance "	C	F	20
Columbus "	C	M	14
Elvin "	C	M	1
Hannah Burrus	C	F	48
Lillie Applewhite	C	F	23
Robt. Farmer	C	M	7
Ida "	C	F	13
Kattie "	C	F	11
Harriette "	C	F	9

Jan 28 [illegible] to Date

William Hall	C	M	51
Mary Whitley	W	F	43
" "	W	F	8
Gray Rodgers	W	M	50
Celilia "	W	F	43
Daws "	W	M	13
Alie "	W	M	11
Della "	W	F	7
Estha "	W	F	4
Clyde "	W	M	4
Rillie Sumerlin	W	F	50
Sallie "	W	F	26
Dora "	W	F	7
Jim "	W	M	5

1/31 1902

John Sherrod	C	M	26
Zillie Howard	C	F	9
Jennie Ellis	W	F	19
Millie Ellis	W	F	9
Frank Wheeler	W	M	23
Mary Jane Lane	C	F	24
Charlie "	C	M	6
Leoroy "	C	M	4
Paul Barnes	W	M	10
Jessie Lee Barnes	W	M	7
Mrs. Will Bass	W	F	21
Guy Bass	W	M	4
Sidney Bass	W	M	2

Sam Mercer	quar.
Enos Applewhote	quar.
Reubin Ellis	quar.
James Glover	quar.

Allowed $20.50

Total 205

[Editor's note: A spot check of some of these names against the 1900 census indicates that many of these persons were residents of Stantonsburg Township. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe]

WORLD WAR II DRAFT REGISTRATIONS (FOURTH REGISTRATION, a.k.a., "Old Man's Registration) APRIL 27, 1942

Database: Ancestry.com. U. S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 [database on-line] Original data: United States Selective Service System, Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II: Fourth Registration. National Archives and Records Administration

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

[Note: The original draft registration cards for North Carolina and several other southern states were destroyed several years ago before they were microfilmed. The persons included here were born in Wilson County and living in other states at the time of their registration.]

Barnes, Harry	B	5/24/1892	1611 Lakeview Ave., Richmond VA	Contact, Emma Barnes, Wilson NC; employer, Dillard-Cottrell, Richmond; 5'8", 140 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; dark brown complexion; scar on left side of face; /s/ Harry Barnes
Barnes, James	B	10/22/1886	809 Charlotte St., Norfolk VA	Contact, brother Cornelius Barnes, Wilson NC; employer, Barnes Lumber Co., South Norfolk; 5'7", 150 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; light brown complexion; "scar on abdomen from operation"; signed with X
Barnes, James Arthur	---	7/1/1885	408 N. 8th Ave., Coatesville PA	Born Wilson County; contact, Lee Barnes, Coatesville; employer, WPA, Oxford PA; /s/ James A. Barnes
Barnes, Jessie	B	5/3/1890	1473 Chapel St., Norfolk VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. Ethel Barnes, Norfolk; employer, Priest Lumber Co., Norfolk; 6', 210 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; light brown complexion; /s/ Jessie Barnes
Barnes, John Henry	B	4/24/1884	1033 Chapel St., Norfolk VA	Contact, Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes, Norfolk; employer, Skipper B Craft, Fairmount Park, Norfolk; 6', 185 lbs.; gray eyes, brown hair; light brown complexion; signed with X
Barnes, Jonas Lee	---	10/10/1890	1839 Linton St., Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., PA	Tel. CO-5042; born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. Blana Williams, Pittsburgh; employer, Gus Grivad, Coraopolis PA; /s/ Jonas Lee Barnes
Barnes, Joseph	B	1897	124 N. 20th St., Richmond VA	Contact, Lucy Hill, Richmond; employer, American Tobacco Co., Richmond Branch; 5'9", 144 lbs.; black eyes and hair; light brown complexion; /s/ Joe Barnes
Barnes, Joseph Hugh	W	9/18/1889	307 Central Ave., Suffolk VA	Contact, Mrs. Allie Barnes, Suffolk; employer, Doyle Russell & Wise Contracting Co., Richmond General Depot, Chesterfield Co., VA; 5'6", 190 lbs.; hazel eyes, gray hair; ruddy complexion; /s/ J.H. Barnes
Barnes, Jules	---	12/24/1882	1945 Garrett St., Philadelphia PA	Contact, Mrs. Carrie Wilson, Darby PA; unemployed; /s/ Jules Bond [sic]
Barnes, Richard B.	B	2/15/1886	1515 Bishop, Little Rock AR	Born Saratoga NC; contact, wife Hazel Jones Barnes; employer, Arkansas Gazette Publishing Co., Little Rock; 5'4", 168 lbs.; black eyes and hair; black complexion; /s/ Richard B. Barnes

Barnes, Silas	---	5/2/1893	1707 N. 7th St., Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., PA	Contact, Mrs. Gertrude Barnes, Harrisburg; employer, Brann& Stuart, Mech'g, Cumb., PA; signed with X
Barnes, Thomas Eddie	B	1/19/1890	On J.T. Prince's farm, Emporia, Greensville Co., VA	Contact, Lizzie Barnes, Jarratt VA; employer, J.T. Prince, Jarratt; 5'8", 186 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ Thomas Eddie Barnes
Barnes, Wiley	W	8/15/1888	1916 Holladay St., Portsmouth, Norfolk Co., VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Sarah A. Barnes, Portsmouth; employer, Atlantic Housing Co., New York NY; gray eyes and hair; ruddy complexion; 5'4", 140 lbs.; wears glasses, scar on left thumb; signed with X
Barnes, Will	B	3/8/1896	2802 Chicago Ave., Portsmouth VA	Contact, Mrs. Mary Eliza Bellman, Wilson NC; employer, U.S. Government, Norfolk Navy Yard, Shop 81; 6'2", 210 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; signed with X
Barnes, William	B	6/28/1886	23 Lewis Ave., then 195 Moore St., Brooklyn, Kings Co., NY	Contact, James Sharp (nephew), Brooklyn; janitor; 5'7", 149 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; "one eye"; /s/ William Barnes
Barnes, William Calvin	B	5/4/1890	251 Watson Ave., Plainfield, Union Co., NJ	Tel. 6-3566; contact, Mrs. Clara Barnes, Plainfield; works for self; 5'6", 141 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; black complexion; /s/ William Calvin Barnes
Barnes, William Ichabod	---	2/10/1894	1216 North St., Philadelphia PA	Contact, Mrs. Robert Stevens; unemployed; /s/ William Ichabod Barnes
Barnes, William Solomon	---	4/8/1889	1916 W. 8th St., Wilmington, New Castle Co., DE	Contact, Richard Hurst; employer, J.E. Rhoades, Wilmington; /w/ William S. Barnes
Barnes, Willie	B	2/18/1891	631 – 24th St., Newport News VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Miss Robina Barnes, Newport News; employer, C&O R.R. Co. (fireman), Newport News; 6', 252 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; signed with X
Barnum [Bynum?], George	B	5/10/1880	1472 Wilkins Ave., then 1242 Simpson St., Bronx NY	Contact and employer, Stevens Coal Co., New York City; 5'7 ½", 148 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; black complexion; /s/ George Bynum
Barron, Thaddeus Pender, Sr.	W	12/19/1892	322 Brown St., Petersburg, Dinwiddie Co., VA	Tel. 3265-W; contact, A. Paul Barron, Colonial Heights VA; owns own business; 5'9", 142 lbs.; blue eyes, blond hair; light complexion; /s/ T.P. Barron Sr.
Bass, Edward	---	5/18/1889	2235 N. Mole St., Philadelphia PA	Contact, Edward Bass, Philadelphia; employer, Fowler Co., Philadelphia; /s/ Edward Bass
Bass, Henry Gray	---	10/29/1895	1516 W. Pratt St., Baltimore MD; then RFD 3, Mount Airy MD	Contact, Mrs. Margaret Bass, Baltimore; employer, Somerset Const. Co., Baltimore; /s/ Henry Gray Bass

(Obituaries Naming Cause of Death, continued from page 27)

and his wife of seventeen years, Ira P., born January 1865, six births, five living, lived in Wilson Township. Their children were Clara L., born Oct. 1883; Henry S., born May 1888; Evelyn M., born June 1890; Callie E., born June 1894; and Hellen S., born Dec. 1898.
Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Howell and Sharpe]

Wilson Daily Times, August 30, 1910

MEACOM INFANT

Yesterday morning the ten months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meacom, died from an attack of acute indigestion.

The funeral was conduced this afternoon at 3:30 at the home on Hines street by Rev. G. F Smith, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Zion's Landmark, September 15, 1909

MRS. MARY TYSON

By request of her daughter Mrs. R. B. Galoway, I will try to write an obituary notice of her dear old mother, Mrs. Mary Tyson. She was the daughter of Dempsey and Pollie Gay, and was born December 2, 1838, and departed this life June 30, 1909, making her stay on earth seventy years, six months and 28 days. In 1856 she was married to Gray Ellis, and unto this union were born eight children, five of them still survive. In 1877 she became a member of the Primitive Baptist church at White Oak and was baptized by Elder Jesse Baker. She was a consistent member as long as she was able to attend.

In 1903 her husband died and in 1904 she was again married to S. H. Tyson with whom she lived happily until his death which was May 1908. She stayed with her children the remainder of her days which were few in number. She was staying with her youngest daughter when she died. She was in a troubled condition for a long time but seemed to bear her sufferings patiently, her disease was heart dropsy. She told mamma some time before she died there wasn't anything in her way, that she was perfectly willing to die. She was in feeble health for about twelve months but was confined to her bed for just five. I think she suffered for all of her sins here on earth, and I am glad they all have such a bright hope of her eternal rest.

She leaves three sisters, three brothers, five children, several grand and great-grand children, with a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure, but we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Her niece,
NANNIE STOKES.

[Editor's notes: Gray Ellis and Mary Gay were married on August 5, 1856, in Edgecombe County. In the 1860 census, their surname was given as Flora. Gray was a cooper, and they lived in Wilson District. Fannie, 3, and Lucinda, 8 months, were also in the household. In 1870 living in Taylors Township were Gray, 36, farm laborer; and Mary, 31; Fanny, 12, farm laborer; Lucinda, 10, and John, 7. In 1880, Gray, 46, farmer; Mary E., 41; lived in Saratoga Township. Their children John E., 19, laborer; Emma C., 9; Rebecca B., 6; and Sukey, 1; were also in the household. In 1900 Gray Ellis, born February 1833, farmer; and his wife of forty-three years, Mary L. Ellis, eight births, six living children; lived in the Town of Saratoga.

Mary Lucinda Ellis, 21, married Franklin Whitley, 21, on December 30, 1979, at the home of Gray Ellis. John Ellis was one of the witnesses. Fannie Ellis, 22, married Hilliard T. Owens, 22, on January 8, 1880, at the home of Gray Ellis. Hilliard Thomas Owens was the son of Nathan and Martha Jane Owens. Emma C. Ellis, 15, married Columbus W. Owens, 24, Edgecombe County resident, on April 29, 1885, at the home of Gray Ellis. The marriage was performed by S. H. Tyson, J. P., and W. H. Mercer, E. W. Langley and John Ellis were witnesses. Rebecca Ellis, 16, married Robert J. Galloway, 20, both Saratoga residents, on February 7, 1889, at Saratoga Township. S. H. Tyson, J. P., performed the marriage, and G. A. Howard, J. J. Reasons and J. S. Harrison were witnesses. Sucky J. Ellis, 19, Saratoga resident, married Henry Carter, 21, Stantonsburg resident, on November 29, 184, near Moyton.
Wilson County's Founding Families, Powell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* Boykin]

Wilson Daily Times, November 1, 1910

NETTIE LEE WEBB
Death of a Little Girl.

Nettie Lee Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crumel Webb, was born August 10, 1908, and died October 25, 1910. John W. Webb and Beedy Webb, her grandfather and grandmother, have been married 46 years, and have five children of their own and ten grandchildren, and this is the first death in their family since marriage. Her grandfather was a Confederate soldier in the civil war and served four years and was seriously wounded through the neck and shoulder, and is 66 years old, and her grandmother is 67 years old. She was also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. B. Woodard. She had only been confined to her bed but eight days with appendicitis. What she suffered none can tell. She was a sweet and loving child, but He who

FEBRUARY 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Sue Powell, President, welcomed guests and members to the meeting. Guests were introduced, and minutes were approved as written in February Trees. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Wanda Taylor.

A reminder was given that dues are being accepted now for 2011.

Appreciation was expressed to Dick Rountree for the years of service to WCGS by shipping our book orders. Larry Gaissert has agreed to assume those duties.

[See the announcements in the following section.]

Our speaker, Pete Williams, spoke on *Between the Waters of the Tar and Toisnot*, a historical novel tat he has written about his parents and how they met. To tell their story, he incorporated family stories and real events, some embellished. The families lived in Nash and Wilson Counties. The chapters are dated and cover events in 1861, 1895, 1915-1935, and 1942-1945. The book is very well written, and the stories are informational and entertaining. The book can be ordered from www.amazon.com .

Carol M. Forbes for Frances Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Elisa New will speak about her newest book, *Jacob's Cane,* a story about her genealogy, at The Tobacco Farm Life Museum, in Kenly, N. C., on Thursday, April 7, 2011, from 5 pm to 7 pm.

• The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society (Wayne County) will meet Saturday, April 16, 2011, 10:30 am, at the Wayne County Public Library.

• The second session of "Who Do You Think You Are?" continues. Watch the remaining shows.

• Aycock Birthplace, Fremont, N. C. Living History Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate 19th-century skills. On March 23, learn about sheep shearing, natural dyeing, and old-fashioned toys and games; on April 6, watch interpreters make butter, lye soap, and candles; on April 20, learn about butter making, open hearth cooking, and corn shelling and grinding; on May 4 visit with a school marm, learn about quill pen and ink writing, and watch a game of townball.

• *The Union is Dissolved: Mustering Soldiers Off to War,* a re-enactment, Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site, Four Oaks, N. C., Saturday-Sunday, March 19-20, *9 a.m.-4 p.m.* During the first part visitors will watch raw recruits as they answer the call for volunteers to join the Confederate army in late May 1861. Re-enactors will portray enlisting officers, recruits, army surgeons, the Harper family, civilians bidding farewell, and more. In the second part the recruits report to their camp of instruction, change into uniforms and start drilling. Visitors are encouraged to participate throughout the day by filling out an enlistment form and participating in the drills.

• The National Genealogical Society Annual Family History Conference will be held May 11-14, 2011, in Charleston, S. C. Details at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info .

• The collections of the State History Museums and State Historic Sites are now searchable online. To search the state collections, you can go directly to the "Collections" website at http://collections.ncdcr.gov/dcr/NCDCRSearch.aspx. If you are visiting DCR's webpage at www.ncculture.com, click on "Research" and then "Cultural Resources Collections." To learn about our highway state historical marker program, visit www.ncmarkers.com. Instead of searching something broad, visit the Advanced Search page and refine your search to find more specific things that might interest you. You can also search just the museum collections or just the collections of State Historic Sites, depending on what you're looking for.

• The N. C. Office of Archives and History is offering a symposium May 20, 2011, that explores memory and the war. Entitled "Contested Past: Memories and Legacies of the Civil War," the conference will study literature, historiography, statuary, monuments, dissent, race, prisons, suicide, women, heritage organizations, and other legacies. Presenters will consider such questions as: What is most important to remember about the Civil War? How have past generations gone about commemorating the conflict? What lessons can we take from the past? The conference will take place at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh 150 years after North Carolina delegates meeting in the State Capitol voted to take North Carolina out of the Union and align it with the Confederate States of America. Registration is $25, which will cover all lectures, morning refreshments, a boxed lunch, and a reception late Friday afternoon. For more information about other Archives and History programs taking place during the sesquicentennial, visit www.nccivilwar150.com.

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Census records abstracted by J. Albert Bass with family data added from his files.

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Payment and shipping: Shipping cost for each book is $5.00 ($10.00 for *Wilson County Marriages,* a set of two books). Shipping cost for maps is $5.00 for 1-4 items. Add 7.75% sales tax for NC residents on merchandise total (not on shipping).

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President's Message

A vibrant organization needs an active membership to accomplish its purpose. Our purpose is to "promote the collection and permanent preservation of materials of genealogical and historical value on Wilson County families" ... .

Since our membership includes persons who live across our country, the members who actually live in Wilson County have been the ones who have overseen most of the operation of WCGS. However, there are members who live out of state who have provided valuable assistance towards our goal.

Horace Peele, who lives in a mid-southern state, set up our web site and continues to be our web master. He has asked that someone else assume that service, and we need another volunteer.

Albert Page, who lives in a western state, Lisa Henderson and Joan Baker, who live in a southern state, and Shelly Pollero, who lives in a mid-eastern state, are some of those who have contributed articles for Trees.

Edna Woolard, who lives in a southern state, has typed old newspaper articles in computer ready format. Judy Pate, who lives in a mid-eastern state, has volunteered to type articles.

Many members have shared information on our discussion e-group helping researchers find answers to their questions and sharing information.

All member participation has been and will continue to be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please let us know by phone 252-243-1660 or email at wcgs.earthlink.net .

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, April 26th
7:00 PM

Please join us for our next meeting on April 26th in the Assembly Room at the library.

Following the business session, our program will be presented by Terry Bryant and Wallace Abernathy. Terry is the Commander and Wallace is a Lieutenant Commander of the Jesse S. Barnes Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. They will give a progress report on the restoration of the remaining portion of Wilson Collegiate Institute/Wilson Confederate Hospital. They will begin, by showing in a power point presentation, the condition of the building when the project began and continue with an update on the work that has been done. Some of the photographs will amaze you! This is a joint project of the Jesse S. Barnes and William Dorsey Pender Camps with plans to establish a museum when restoration is complete. The building has been moved to 401 North Goldsboro Street. Drive by to see how much work they have done to the outside.

Upcoming programs:
May 31—TBA
September 27—TBA
October 25—Doug Rader, Early Colonization Around Stantonsburg
November 29—Annual Meeting

Where did your ancestors live? Can you find their land on a map?

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D. A. MEWBORN

Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers of the United States
(Published in 1909, Reprinted in 1984)
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Mewborn, Elder D. A., of Farmville, N. C., was born June 14, 1840. He is a son of Elder Parrott Mewborn, was raised on a farm, and as a boy acquired a love for, and habit of reading. As advantages of school were limited he found that his studious habits were the foundation of his acquisition of knowledge in future life. He served as a private in the war between the states when not disabled, and in 1867 was married to Miss P. A. Dixon. From a boy he had a feeling that he would one day become a preacher and set about to get religion. But in this he failed for the Lord showed him his sinful nature and utter helpless condition, and in November 1872, he united with the Meadow Church in Green County and was baptized by Elder Jesse Baker. He was in 1874, ordained as a deacon, licensed to preach in 1879, and ordained to the full work in 1881 by Elders J. C. Hewit, and L. H. Hardy, and is a useful, faithful minister.

[Editor's notes: Drewry Aldridge Mewborn, eighth child of Elder Parrott Mewborn II and Mary "Polly" Aldridge, was born in Greene County on June 14, 1840. His father farmed a plantation on Tyson's Marsh, ran a gristmill, and was the elder at Mewborn's Meeting House near Jason.

Drew enlisted as a private in Company C, 47th N. C. Infantry Regiment on October 21, 1862. He was captured at Bristoe Station, VA, on October 14, 1863 and was

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DEATHS NOTICES NAMING A DISEASE

Deaths and Marriages from Tarboro Newspapers, 1824-1865, compiled by Hugh Buckner Johnston

[Editor's note: For the purposes of documenting illnesses, names are included if the newspaper obituary listing gave the cause of death.]

Florida Pender, daughter of Robert H. Pender, died at Tarboro of the measles on July 2, 1862, aged about six months. (S. July 12, 1862)

Robert W. Pender died of consumption at Tarboro on September 3, 1853, in his twenty-sixth year. (S. September 10, 1853)

Flavius Alexander Pippen, sixth son of the late J. J. and Talitha Pippen, died of typhoid fever in Edgecombe County on June 13, 1864. He was born on August 9, 1837. (S. June 18, 1864)

Mary Pippen, daughter of William M. Pippen, died of the measles in Tarboro on July 9, 1862, aged about ten months. (S. July 12, 1862)

Mrs. Eliza Powell, wife of Jesse H. Powell, died of consumption on February 15, 1857, aged forty-one years. (S. February 28, 1857)

Miss Mary Jane Prouty of Newberry, Vermont, and teacher of Music in "The Wilson Schools," died of congestion of the brain at the D. S. Richardson home in Wilson on September 29, 1859. (S. October 8, 1859)

George Reynolds died of consumption in Tarboro on October 9, 1859, aged about twenty-eight years. (S. October 15, 1859)

Charlie G. Rhodes died of the croup in Wilson on November 4, 1859, aged four years and two months, and being the eldest son of Archibald G. and Louisa M. Rhodes. (S. November 12, 1859)

Sallie Dancy Rives, daughter of Dr. John G. and wife Lucie Rives, died of diptheria at Mrs. Sarah E. Foxhall's home on October 31, 1863. She was born on November 16, 1859. (S. November 14, 1863)

Private Jesse B. Roberson, a private of "The Edgecombe Guards," Company A, 1st North Carolina Regiment, C. S. A., died of typhoid fever at Yorktown on June 22, 1861, aged nineteen years. (S. June 29, 1861)

Jesse Rountree died of cholera morbus in Pitt County on September 10, 1858. "He was a strict member of the Disciples Church." (S. September 25, 1858)

Margaret Louisa Saunders, daughter of Dr. L. K. and Mary A. Saunders, died in Tarboro of scarlet fever on May 18, 1863. She was born on March 17, 1858. (S. May 23, 1863)

Corporal James M. Savage of Company I, 17th North Carolina Regiment, C. S. A., died of typhoid fever at the Hospital in Wilmington on December 7, 1863, aged twenty-nine years. (S. March 5, 1864)

Wilson Sessums died of pneumonia in Edgecombe County on January 24, 1849. (T. P. January 27, 1849)

Lavina Shelton, daughter of Burrell Shelton, died in Edgecombe County of typhoid fever on August 31, 1862, aged about twenty-five years. (S. September 6, 1862)

Harriet A. Sherrod, daughter of William R. W. and Mary Sherrod of Martin County, died of pneumonia at the Britton Howell residence in Edgecombe County on May 20, 1859. (S. May 28, 1859)

(to be continued in a future issue of Trees of Wilson)

Introduction to Genealogy: A Workshop for Beginners

May 17, 2011
7:00 PM
Local History/Genealogy Room
Wilson County Public Library

Instructor: Marion "Monk" Moore

This course is free, but space is limited.
For more information, call Rusty Rains,
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FARMER CEMETERY

Noxubee County Historical Society, Quarterly Bulletin, Number 132, Winter 2011

Contributed by E. B. Oyaas and Marcus Anderson
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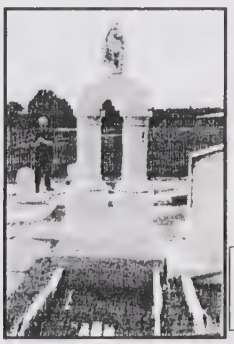
[Editor's note: E. B. Oyaas sent a copy of the Noxubee County Historical Society's bulletin containing this Farmer Cemetery since it said B. S. Farmer was born in Wilson, N. C. Since he was born in 1820 before Wilson was established, we must surmise that it was known by his family that his birthplace was where Wilson began. After receiving the bulletin, I phoned Marcus Anderson, one of the recorders of the cemetery, for permission to reprint the article. Not only did he grant permission but he also sent photographs of the cemetery. We appreciate being able to share this record of some of those with local ties who moved away.]

"This cemetery is located on the south side of Miss. Hwy. 32 across the Alabama line about one hundred yards behind The Roost Hunting Preserve Lodge, Michael Thompson, manager. Farmer Cemetery is enclosed by an old iron fence with the name "Farmer" etched on a tin strip screwed onto the ornate iron gate. Most of the plot is covered with 4 x 4 foot cement squares. The tombstones are large and elaborate with Masonic emblems and gargoyles.

"Marcus Anderson and I entered with permission from Michael Thompson, manager of the lodge, and recorded the inscriptions:

B. S. Farmer
Born in
Wilson, NC
April 15, 1820
Married
Tryphenia Reed
May 2, 1850
Died
Feb. 17, 1892
His memory is blessed.
Masonic emblem



Tryphenia Clanton
Died Jan 21, 1923
Age 93 years

Jerome Clanton
Born in
Warren Co, NC
July 28, 1828
Died June 2, 1900
Masonic emblem

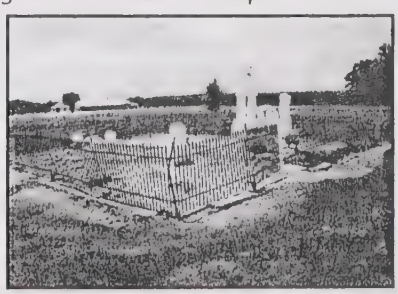
Left: B. S. Farmer tombstone. Below, left: Picture of the entire cemetery. Below right: Jerome Clanton tombstone.

"Tryphenia Reed apparently married (1) B. S. Farmer and after his death married (2) Jerome Clanton. The three were buried side-by-side and each grave is encased within elaborate marble scrolled sides connected to end bars. An urn and several decorative pieces lie within the graves' marble sides.

"The following two tombstones had the surname engraved across the top of the stones:

Isaac Farmer
Born in
Edgecombe Co, NC
Oct. 23, 1793
Died in
Pickens Co, AL
Nov. 7, 1867

Aaron T. Farmer
Born in
Edgecombe Co, NC
Jan 10, 1820
Died in
Pickens Co, AL
May 1874



"Other tombstones are:

William Luke
Died in His
27 Year

Monroe Luke
Died
Nov. 7, 1868
In his 24 Year

Lucinda
Wife of James Luke
Died Aug. 31, 1878
In her 40 Year

Ja .....
Died
Nov. 31, 1878
His 45 year

"(Lucinda's original marker, suggested by the significant number of marble pieces scattered on the ground, seems to have been replaced by a granite stone with the above data. Next to Lucinda's marker is the broken tombstone with 'Ja ...' and above inscription. The proximity of the two graves leads one to the conclusion the latter is Lucinda's husband, James Luke.)

"On the extreme west side next to the iron fence was a partially broken marble tombstone positioned on a more modern granite base:

A. C. Reed
Born 1820
died
July 15, 1902

"These inscriptions leave me with questions. What was Lucinda's maiden name? Were A. C. Reed and Tryphenia Reed Farmer Clanton brother and sister? What was B. S. and Aaron T. Farmers' (both born in 1820) connection? Who was the wife of Isaac Farmer?

"On Farmer Cemetery's north end outside the iron fence, there is a new tombstone inscribed 'Ken Dyson, 1952-2010.' Dyson was one of the owners of the Roost Hunting Preserve."

OBITUARIES NAMING THE DISEASE THAT CAUSED THE DEATH

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

[Editor's note: Something went wrong with the format when March Trees was printed. Pages 27 and 34 were supposed to have two columns. Since it came out as only one column, some of the text of the obituaries was omitted. We include here the complete text of those obituaries that were abbreviated.

Wilson Daily Times, August 19, 1910

MRS. EVELYN PASCHALL KEYS

Yesterday evening about six o'clock Mrs. S. R. Keys, nee Evelyn Paschall died after several weeks illness of typhoid fever. Mrs. Keys contracted fever at her home in Wilmington and was brought here to be at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Paschall, but her condition became so serious that she was afterwards removed to the Wilson Sanitorium. There her condition continued critical and for several days her recovery was almost despaired of and the end yesterday evening was not surprising.

Mrs. Keys was only twenty years of age and leaves an infant child of only two months old. Last year she was married to Mr. S. R. Keys who held a position in Mr. W. B. Young's dry goods store here and later they removed to Wilmington, N. C. Mrs. Keys was a most popular young lady, and her sad death is mourned by a multitude of friends.

The funeral services were conducted at the residence of her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Paschall, by Rev. G. F. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church.

The honorary pall-bearers were: Messrs. B. F. Lane, W. E. Warren, W. M. Wells, Capt. T. N. Tilghman, Dr. C. E. Moore and Dr. E. T. Dickinson.

The active pall-bearers were: Dr. Henry Best, Dr. Carl Moore, Messrs. Alex Webb, J. S. Whitehead and Thurman Fulghum.

Many young lady friends of the deceased acted as flower bearers.

[Editor's note: In the Wilson County 1900 census, Benjamin G. Paschall, machinist, born January 1859 in N. C., father born in Virginia, mother born in N. C.; and his wife of seventeen years, Ira P., born January 1865, six births, five living, lived in Wilson Township. Their children were Clara L., born Oct. 1883; Henry S., born May 1888; Evelyn M., born June 1890; Callie E., born June 1894; and Hellen S., born Dec. 1898. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe]

Wilson Daily Times, November 1, 1910

NETTIE LEE WEBB

Death of a Little Girl.

Nettie Lee Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crumel Webb, was born August 10, 1908, and died October 25, 1910. John W. Webb and Beedy Webb, her grandfather and grandmother, have been married 46 years, and have five children of their own and ten grandchildren, and this is the first death in their family since marriage. Her grandfather was a Confederate soldier in the civil war and served four years and was seriously wounded through the neck and shoulder, and is 66 years old, and her grandmother is 67 years old. She was also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. B. Woodard. She had only been confined to her bed but eight days with appendicitis. What she suffered none can tell. She was a sweet and loving child, but He who doeth all things well needed her more than we and thought it best to take her from this world of trouble to a bright and a happy home where no pain, sorrow nor death can enter therein. Her little body was laid to rest Wednesday evening in the J. S. B. Woodard family cemetery. I wish to thank my many friends for being so kind in such a time of need.

Much sympathy is extended the bereaved family.

A NEICE.

Wilson Daily Times, May 26, 1899

DAVE OETTINGER

Dave Oettinger Dead.

During the past few months, while the genial and kind hearted Dave Oettinger had been battling with the disease, which all thought would result in death, the sincere sympathy of every heart in Wilson had been with him and his family.

But last Monday morning when it was told around the city, that Dave Oettinger had passed away every one knew that the sufferings of a good man were ended, and believed that he had gone to rest. For if a life in which much suffering is alleviated, in which many hearts are made much happier by his charity,--life free from immortality and vice does not entitle the liver to the title of Christian, then few, very few will bear the name.

Mr. Oettinger was born about forty years ago in Washington, D. C.

Early in the seventies he came to this city with his brother Mr. Jonas Oettinger, and for some years they were with Mr. Rosenthal. Later they both bought out this store and at Mr. Dave Oettinger's death, the large business done in the three stores on Wilson's principal street was a monument to the business integrity of each of these two brothers.

In 1891, Mr. Dave Oettinger married Miss Bertha Rosenthal, of Washington, D. C. Two children blessed this union and no family was a happier one. Until last summer Mr. Oettinger was a very healthy man. During the summer season he contracted malaria, which so impregnated his system that before it was eradicated, enlargement of the liver was produced.

All that medical skill could do, was done to relieve the sufferings which were great, and until a few months ago, hope was entertained for his recovery. Later though it became evident that recovery was impossible and so he awaited death as a martyr. Last Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock he passed away.

The interment was to be in Washington, D. C., and so Monday night before the remains were taken away, services, in part were held by Rabbi Myerberger. The local lodge, of Masons, of which Mr. Oettinger was a prominent member assisted.

In Washington on Tuesday afternoon suitable ceremonies were held and the body was interred.

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(Obituaries Naming Cause of Death, continued from page 40)

Thus passes away a most worthy citizen, a kind hearted gentleman, an ideal husband and father and a true friend. Although after the customs and traditions of his fathers he was a Jew "of the straitest sect," yet with "orderly walk and godly conversation," he exemplified the life and teachings of the man Christ Jesus.

As a mason, Mr. Oettinger's place can not be filled. He was Past Master of Mr. Lebanon Lodge No. 117, and Past High Priest, of Mr. Lebanon, Chapter No. 27. Masons of this city sent Messrs. Lat Williams, W. J. Boykin, Dave Woodard, Thos. Bell, E. H. Adams and F. S. Davis, to Washington with the remains, and these gentlemen acted as pall bearers.

The masons of Wilson and the state will feel and mourn the death of Mr. Oettinger.

WILLIAM PRESTON SIMPSON

Wilson Daily Times, June 12, 1896
Wilson Daily Times, June 19, 1896

Mr. W. P. Simpson Dead.

Yesterday morning the people of our city were shocked and grieved when the death of one of her prominent citizens was announced.

It was known on Tuesday that Mr. Simpson had been stricken with apoplexy and was dangerously ill and yet his friends could but hope for his recovery.

Mr. Simpson had been up to his farm at Ringwood attending to business and had left on Tuesday morning to drive through the country to his home. Before he had gone very far however he was stricken and died on Wednesday evening. This death is indeed a sad one and is a heavy blow to our city and the surrounding county. Few deaths have been received with such profound and universal grief. Many sorrowful comments were heard. Many were those who said "He was a good friend to me." Says one farmer "he has done more for me than any other man living."

Mr. Simpson was originally with the firm of Branch, Hadley & Co., Branch, Briggs & Co., Branch & Co., respectively as their book-keeper. Later he was a member of the firm of Hackney Bros. & Simpson, and when this copartnership was dissolved, he was made cashier of Branch's Bank, which had just then been organized. At Mr. Branch's death he was made President of the Bank. He was also president of the Wilson Cotton Mills. Not only did he prove faithful in these positions showing extraordinary business talent, but in those positions relative to the town and its upbuilding he was ever on the alert to do that which was for her best good. For years he has taken an active part in the educational interests of the town being at the time of his death one of the trustees of the Wilson Graded school.

Mr. Simpson was a bold and aggressive business man, it being a habit of his to become conversant with the men with whom he came in contact. He was a close observer both of men and methods.

He leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss, and whose memory will ever be green with his kindness and goodness. Our sympathy is with them.

Owing to his being so far from the railroad his remains were not brought home until last night and were enterred this morning.

Resolutions of Respect.

The Board of Trustees of the Wilson Graded Schools desiring to express their sorrow at the death of Mr. W. P. Simpson, and to show their high appreciation of his service as a member of their Board, have caused the following resolutions to be spread upon their record:

Resolved that in the death of Mr. W. P. Simpson the Wilson Graded Schools and the cause of education in this community have lost a valuable friend and an earnest advocate. Aggressive and fearless in the charge of his duties, he was ever watchful of opportunities for improving the efficiency of the schools and of extending their influence among the people. Although burdened with the cares and management of large business interests, both for himself and others, he was at all times prompt in his attendance upon our meetings and enthusiastic in promoting the interests of the school. Wise in counsel, bold and progressive in action, his devotion to teachers, pupils and patrons has won for him the affectionate remembrance of all.

Resolved, Further, that in our intercourse with him, both officially and personally, he was always gentlemanly in bearing and courteous in manner, winning the respect and affection of all with whom he came in contact. A successful business man, an upright, useful and patriotic citizen, a conscientious and faithful public officer, his untimely departure from this life cast a gloom over the whole community which is brightened only by the confident trust that he has heard from the Master, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

[Editor's note: The full name of W. P. Simpson was recorded in *The Rise of a Southern Town, Wilson, North Carolina, 1849-1920,* by Patrick M. Valentine.

The family of William Preston Simpson are recorded on an obelisk in Maplewood Cemetery. W. P. Simpson, b. 30 SEP 1851, d. 03 JUN 1896; Anna Rebecca Simpson, b. 26 AUG 1848, c. 12 MAR 1941, Wife of W. P. Simpson; and the children of W. P. & A. R. Simpson, Ashton Lee Simpson, b. 26 APR 1881, d. 23 SEP 1881; Mattie Simpson, b. 06 SEP 1882, d. 21 JUL 1883; Randolph Shotwell Simpson, b. 15 JUN 1885, d. 12 JUN 1886. Also recorded on this obelisk were Miss Annie P. Simpson, b. 25 FEB 1875, d. 11 DEC 1947; Edgar W. Simpson, b. 18 DEC 1876, d. 15 FEB 1938; Margaret C. Simpson, b. 27 MAY 1887, d. 26 FEB 1977; Reese B. Simpson, b. 26 APR 1884, d. 03 DEC 1934. A separate marker for Margaret C. Simpson recorded "Margaret Connor, wife of Reese B. Simpson." *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries, Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell]

WORLD WAR II DRAFT REGISTRATIONS (FOURTH REGISTRATION, a.k.a., "Old Man's Registration) APRIL 27, 1942

Database: Ancestry.com. U. S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 [database on-line] Original data: United States Selective Service System, Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II: Fourth Registration. National Archives and Records Administration

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

[Note: The original draft registration cards for North Carolina and several other southern states were destroyed several years ago before they were microfilmed. The persons included here were born in Wilson County and living in other states at the time of their registration.]

Battle, John P.	B	10/20/1891	Kecoughtan, Elizabeth City Co., VA	Contact, Roberta Johnson, Wilson NC; no employer; 5'7", 186 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; "totally blind"; signed with X
Batts, George	B	12/2/1891	128 W. Clay St., Richmond VA	Contact, Annie Woodard, Wilson NC; employer, Imperial Tobacco Co., Richmond; 6'7", 160 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; light brown complexion; /s/ George Batts
Batts, James Henry	W	6/18/1896	301 Railroad St., Emporia, Greensville Co., VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. Lola Bullock Batts, Emporia; employer, Greensville Mfg. Co., Emporia; 5'5", 170 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; light complexion;/s/ J.H. Batts
Batts, Jerry Elmore	W	3/31/1888	RFD 3, Box 31, Richmond VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. Ethel Josephine Batts, Richmond; employer, South Eastern Goode, Richmond Air Base, Sandston VA; 5'5, 160 lbs.; hazel eyes, gray hair; ruddy complexion;/s/ J.E. Batts
Batts, Jerry Levi	---	10/15/1889	16 S. 53rd St., Philadelphia PA	Contact, Mrs. Sudie Bunn (sister), Washington DC; farmer, Rahns PA; /s/ Jerry Levi Batts
Batts, John Arthur	W	8/23/1894	DeWitt, Dinwiddie Co., VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. Frances Batts, DeWitt; farming for self; 5'9 ½", 185 lbs.; hazel eyes, black hair; ruddy complexion; scar on neck;/s/ John Arthur Batts
Becton, Walter Lee	B	7/15/1895	857 Lombardy St., Norfolk VA	Contact, Mrs. Lilian Skinner, Norfolk; employer, C.A. Roberts, Norfolk; 6'3", 165 lbs.; black eyes and hair; dark brown complexion; scar on left "forehand"; /s/ Walter Lee Becton
Bellamy, James Horace	B	3/22/1887	1902 N. 28th St., Richmond VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Mollie Bellamy, Richmond; employer, Pipe Produce Co., Richmond; 5'9", 152 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark complexion; /s/ James Horace Bellamy
Bennett, James Walter	---	2/15/1894	602 Smithson St., Baltimore MD	Contact, Pearl Bennett, Wilson NC; employer, Botivinik & Warsaw, Baltimore; /s/ James Walter Bennett
Bess, George	B	10/29/1896 "Deceased," no date.	132 Alexander St., Norfolk, Norfolk Co., VA	Contact, Mrs. Elizabeth Bess, Norfolk; employer, Bryant Bldg. Contracting Organization, Norfolk; 5'6", 138 lbs.; black eyes and hair; dark brown complexion;/s/ George Bess

Bess, James Lewis	---	3/13/1893	509 S. 22nd St., then 419 S. 2nd St., Philadelphia PA	Born Wilson County; contact and employer, Shay & Blahos, Philadelphia; /s/ James Lewis Bess
Bess, Morris	B	3/17/1883	47 Main St., East Orange, Essex Co., NJ	Contact, Mr. V. Brown, East Orange; employed as "supt. at 47 Main St."; 5'6", 165 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; black complexion; scar on forehead;/s/ Morris Bess
Best, Elijah	B	11/23/1881	113 E. 44th St., Chicago, Cook Co., IL	Tel. Oak 2237; contact, Lela Best, Chicago; employer, WPA project, Planetarium, Chicago; 5'3", 215 lbs.; black eyes, gray hair; dark brown complexion;/s/ Elijah Best
Best, Ollie	---	6/7/1890	138 Crawford St., Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co., PA	Contact, Johnie Cochran, Pittsburgh; employer, Holmes Construction Co., Defense Plant, Duquesne PA; /s/ Ollie Best
Best, Robert Bynum, Sr.	W	10/16/1898	c/o Paramount Theatre, Charlottesville VA	Tel. 651; contact, J.J. Best, Wilson NC; employer, Paramount Theatre, Charlottesville; 5'7", 141 lbs.; brown eyes and hair; ruddy complexion; "scar on left hand, three moles neck"; /s/ R.B. Best Sr.
Blackwell, James	B	10/7/1883	327 W. 16th St., Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN	Born Wilson County; tel. Ri 2728; contact, Ed Wisdom, Indianapolis; employer, Hestean Coal Yard, Indianapolis; 5'9", 171 ½"; brown eyes, gray hair; dark brown complexion; "lost left eye, fractured left leg"; /s/ James Blackwell
Blount, Walter Theodore	---	7/23/1893	5835 Haverford Ave., Philadelphia PA	Contact, Evie Blount, Philadelphia; self-employed merchant; /s/ Walter Theodore Blount
Blue, Lonnie M.	B	6/23/1896	310 Elm Ave., Portsmouth, Norfolk Co., VA	Contact and employer, W.D. Pondexter, Portsmouth; brown eyes, black hair; black complexion; /s/ Lonnie Blue
Bond, Will	B	8/13/1880	516 Shore St., Petersburg VA	Contact, Alice Bond, Petersburg; employer, Doyle Russell & Wise, Contracting Co.; 5'6", 170 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; light brown complexion; signed with X
Boswell, Albert Lee	W	3/12/1886	16 ½ S. First St., Richmond VA	Tel. 3-2945; contact, Mrs. Grace Crocker, Richmond; employer, Virginia Branch, American Tobacco Co., Richmond; 5'6", 138 lbs.; gray eyes and hair; light complexion; /s/ Albert L. Boswell
Boswell, Ivy Alonzo	W	10/27/1883	2425 Hanover Ave., Richmond VA	Tel. 6-4421; contact, Mrs. Clara Boswell, Richmond; employer, Phillip Morris Tobacco Co., Richmond; 5'6 ½", 154 lbs.; blue eyes, gray hair; ruddy complexion; /s/ I.A. Boswell
Boswell, Jesse McKinley	---	12/26/1889	1420 Jackson St., Baltimore MD	Contact, Mrs. Ada Boswell; employer, Maryland Dry Dock, Baltimore; signed with X
Bowser, Astor Burt	B	9/29/1896	4905 Vincennes , Chicago, Cook Co., IL	Tel. Kenwood 1111; contact, Mrs. Delorse Bowser; employer, Fannie Mae Candy Co.; 5'10 ½", 153 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; light brown complexion; /s/ A.B. Bowser

VACCINATIONS BY DR. C. B. WALTON

North Carolina State Archives, Wilson County Miscellaneous Records, Miscellaneous Records, C.R. 105.928.9

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Male (colored)	Age
Marcellus Applewhite	23
Jim Clark	11
Nelson Williams	42
Jarmin Barnes	49
Aaron "	16
Calvin "	11
Rob Hilliard	20
Johnie Barnes	18
Amos Skinner	27
Walter Farmer	25
Rob Jenkins	12
Cleveland Barnes	8
Freeman "	15
Bill Bynum	19
Henry "	6
Jno. Skinner	11
Earnest "	9
Bunnie "	25
Jim Hagan	16
Chas. Ward	13
Leslie "	5
Elijah Miller	17
Willie Lewis	21
Abraham Pender	34
Jno. Bynum	20
Willie Miller	12
Jesse "	9
David C. Barnes	23
Gen Best	30
Alex Joyner	31
Walter Petway	21
Roland Joyner	18
Lemuel Jordan Sr.	39
Walter Clark	15
Pennina Robertson	29
Andrew Robertson	33
Cinda "	10
Andrew " Jr.	8
Carrie "	4
Bethania "	2
Chas. Artist	21
Mathew Applewhite	21
Lewis Best	8
Horrace "	4
Willis "	2
B. J. Taylor	8 mos.
Chas. Ruffin	2
Will Sauls	6
Alsia Davis	7
John Moore	7
Moses Bynum	6
Rufus "	5
Sol Horne	17
Wm. "	9
John H. Battle	13
Frank "	16

Male (colored)	Age
Tom Battle	42
Thos. Joyner	34
Gray Ruffin	50
Albert Best	6
Joshua "	3
Blount " Sr.	59
Jas. Ellis	14
Rufus Jenkins	34
Aaron Applewhite	16
Hilliard Barron	21
" " , Sr	59
Henry Bynum	43
Joe "	29
Willie "	14
Willie Ellis	12
Blanie Barnes	8
Joe Mercer	18
Harry Merceer	22
Percy Cox	19
Wess Skinner	6
Chas. "	8
Fleat Mosley	19
Henry Barnes	12
Henry Lancaster	12
Jesse Bullock	7
Warren Ward	17
Dave "	10
Jim Moye	37
Jno. "	10

Female (colored)	Age
Kit Bynum	10
Mag Barnes	12
Lizzie "	16
Classie Ward	12
Leona "	3
Francis Ward	16
Amanda "	8
Mary "	4
Ida Artis	16
Mariah "	11
Ora "	9
Cora Moye	11
Hattie "	9
Belle Best	32
Josephine Joyner	32
Pearl "	11
Victoria "	12
Minnie Best	13
Stella "	5
Mat Taylor	22
Gray "	6
Mary Farmer	8
Jediah Ruffin	34
Callie Ruffin	13
Nancy "	11

Female (colored)	Age
Cora Ruffin	9
Viola Moore	10
Hettie "	12
Cick "	13
Rosa "	7
Beulah Yelverton	9
Betsy "	16
Carrie Moore	9
Cora "	8
Ida Bynum	41
Mittie V. Alston	21
Allie Horne	24
Fannie "	16
Annie T. Battle	10
Mattie L. Battle	7
Lula Battle	3
Sue Smith	39
Rosa Battle	39
Queenetta Joyner	19
Victoria Joyner	12
Pearle Joyner	10
Daisy Ella Best	7
Sack "	5
Almeta Ellis	16
Harrett Webb	39
Mattie Bynum	6
Zylphia Williamson	23
Mary Artis	27
Delphia Applewhite	50
Bessie "	16
Lillie Barnes	22
Lula "	20
Varina "	13
Alsie Hilliard	19
Sophia Jenkins	14
Mattie Farmer	6
Sylva Ruffin	41
Lucy Bynum	24
Alice "	17
Ella "	8
Minnie "	4
Mary "	2

[Editor's note: The name of Lemuel Jordan, Sr., 39, in the first column was struck through. His name reappears in the white males list.]

(Vaccinations by Dr. C. B. Walton, continued from page 42)

White (Male)	age
Willie Page	17
Ralph "	13
Walter "	7
Hary Skinner Jr.	33
Joe "	7
Jim Barfield	28
A. M. Moore	33
W. J. Mercer Sr.	55
Bidie Walston	22
Chas. E. Mattox	32
Calvin Webb	43
Arthur "	19
Jepsy Walston	20
Ollen Webb	17
Zeb Pittman	21
Jno. "	10
N. Henry Driver	18
Jno. Jones	50
Joshua Lawrence Eason	14
Tom Bowen	27
Jim White	19
W. J. Mercer	28
I. C. Felton	27
Jno. Felton	21
Connor "	3
W. L. Felton	30
" " , Jr.	1
J. S. Speight	29
Tom Jordan	14
Lemuel " , Jr.	7
Wiley Eason	24
Lemuel Jordan Sr.	39
William Whitley	40
W. J. Speight	51
Ben Gardner	30
John Gardner	6
Warren "	22
T. R. Eagles	58
Will Bass	22
Herman Owens	8
John McKeel	30
Alex Harrell	27
Golden Ellis	7
Paul "	9
John "	7
John Baker	15
Tom Owens	6
John "	8 mos.
Tom "	45
Will "	17
Calvin Petway	49
John Petway	19
Moy "	13
Willie Walston	30
W. C. Barnes	36
Ep Howard	19
Benj. "	9
A. D. McKeel	38
Mrs. "	38

White (Male)	age
Joe McKeel	22
Arthur "	18
Oppie "	15
Jack Owens	25
Albert Walston	23
Hiram Forbes	32
Boddie Price	11
Frank Owens	9
Chas. "	5
Cornie "	21
Frank Webb	57
R. E. Bynum	41
J. B. Eason	19
Geo. W. Daniel	60
Hyman Walston Jr.	12
H. H. Walston	55
Lonnie Walston	9
Wiley Farmer	24
Jess Jones	10
Sam Jones	13
Lonnie Jones	6
Van Walston	8 mos.
Gaston Eason	48
John Rogers	45
John Walston	25
Erastus Whitley	31
Albt "	8
Arthur "	6
Chas. "	14 mos.
Jack Webb	12
Robb Moore	5
Parrott Webb	22
Turner Walston	50
Ben Walston	51
William "	8
Jack "	6
Gus Duke	34
Geo "	12
Chas. "	4
Floyd "	2
Harley Ellis	43
Louis Price	9
Ruffin "	37
Thos. Beamon	25
J. H. Garris	29
Joe Jones	22
Jno. F. Owens	23
Levi Mercer	14
Horrace Felton	3
Chas. Eason	5
Joe " , Jr.	17
Bob Skinner	12
Walter Williams	27

White (Female)	age
Net Page	10
Martha Felton	26
Nora "	18
Alma "	24
Nettie "	25
Carrie Owens	10
Anna Baker	11
Elizabeth Galloway	60
Fannie Owens	34
Florence Langley	12
Dollie Langley	12
Mollie Drake	11
Sallie Petway	43
Emma Walston	25
Annie "	6
Ida "	2
Mollie "	19
Mary L. Eason	44
Sallie Felton	73
Lithy McKeel	8
Queenetta Skinner	70
Ella Walston	20
Rebecca Whitley	24
Daisy "	4
Annie Battle	12
Trecy Webb	18
Annie "	20
Mamie Jones	12
Bettie Walston	10
Minnie "	2
Selma Duke	13
Fannie Walston	16
Florence Walston	21
Bettie Howard	24
Addie McKeel	14
Florence "	14
Emma Howard	14
Sallie Baker	13
Mollie "	16
Minnie Bridges	19
Ida Forbes	22
Percilla Owens	28
Sallie Barnes	37
Annie Jones	22
Katie L. Howard	13
Ruth Jordan	16
Mamie "	12
Minnie "	5
Maggie Womble	8
Bessie Jordan	3
Addie Owens	14
Mary Gardner	8
Bettie Owens	10
Winnie Daniel	15
Mary L. "	18
Mattie Turner	15
Ida Ellis	10
Mary "	11
Lizzie Owens	13

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(Vaccinations by Dr. C. B. Walton, continued from page 45)

White (Female)	age
Bessie Duke	8
Claudia "	7
Daisy Harrison	16
Ida Farmer	21
Mary E. Mercer	34
Lillian Mattox	7
Fannie Woodard	25
Sadie Mercer	17
Daisy "	13
Patsy Ann Page	46
Blanch Skinner	9
Pearle Pittman	14
Cora "	19
Gladys Mattox	4
Minnie "	3
Mary Walston	18
Bedie "	7
Maud "	11
Almeta "	13
Sadie Webb	15
Lonie "	12
Annie "	9
Lillie "	6
Pennie S. Barnes	43
Mamie Jordan	22
Lula Owens	19
Mary Walston	15
Sallie L. Eason Sr.	41
" " Jr.	12
Lucy "	7
Victoria "	9
Victoria Felton	48
Lucy Bryant	25
Sue Clements	30

Sulphur 75 $3.75
Burial Expenses B. Morris 4.35 [A line had been drawn through this entry.]

Sworn to before me February 3, 1902
/s/ J. D. Bardin C. S. C.

373 Names Allowed 37.30

Dr. C. B. Walton

[Editor's note: A spot check of these names showed many of those listed living in either the Town of Saratoga or Saratoga Township as recorded in the Wilson County Census for 1900.

Dr. C. B. Walton, born September 1867 in North Carolina, father born in N. C., mother born in Mississippi, lived in the Town of Saratoga. His wife of three years, Fannie E., born December 1877; son Charley B., born May 1896 of a different mother; and son Harry H., born July 1898; Jackson Owens, boarder, policeman, born November 1876; lived with them.

Dr. C. B. Walton, 26, married Ora E. Minshew, 15, on May 8, 1894.
(*Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* Boykin)

D. A. Mewborn, continued from page 37)

a POW at Point Lookout, MD, until the end of the war.

Drew studied and taught school in 1866 and 1867. He married Peninah Adeline Dixon, daughter of Richard Dixon and Mary Barrington Sugg, on January 17, 1867. They lived on land he inherited on Tyson's Marsh until he sold it December 3, 1870. He bought land in Pitt County, N. C., which he lost in 1873. He then built a house on the Richard Dixon farm and farmed infertile land there for six years. Richard and Mary Dixon deeded a tract of 48 acres on Middle Swamp to Peninah A. Mewborn on October 10, 1878.

D. A. joined the Meadow Primitive Baptist Church November 24, 1872, and Peninah joined in May 1873. He was given "written license to travel and preach wherever he felt it to be his duty" December 27, 1879. On March 6, 1880, he moved his membership to Hadnots Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Carteret County, N. C., where he was ordained to preach in 1881. He lived next to his uncle Lemuel H. Hardy, farmer and Elder at Hadnots Primitive Baptist Church on White Oak River. Drew preached and taught school during the three years he lived there.

By 1883, "shell marl," a source of lime to make the land more fertile, was found on the Green County Dixon farm. Drew moved his family back to the house he had built six years before. The production of corn increased from 2 to 20-25 bushels and seed cotton from 100 to 300-400 pounds lint cotton or 700-1000 pounds of tobacco.

Drew was the Elder at Meadow Primitive Baptist Meeting House from 1883 to 1927 and taught at the Jonas Williams School near his home and boarded some of its teachers.

Drew and Peninah's children were John Richard, Henry Dixon, Eunice Manora, Benjamin Parrott, Joshua Albert, Josiah William, George Lemuel, and Levi Andrew.

Drew died May 9, 1928, and was buried in the Richard Dixon Cemetery near his home in Greene County. Source: *Greene County Heritage, North Carolina*]

BAKED SWEET POTATO PUDDING LIKE MOTHER MADE IN 1870

***The Bright Leaf Cook Book,* Compiled by The Home Demonstration Clubs of Wilson County**
Not Dated

2 cups sweet potatoes (raw) grated or ground in food chopper

1 cup sugar	2 tablespoons flour or corn starch
½ teaspoon salt	1¼ cups milk or water
2 eggs	½ stick butter
1 teaspoon nutmeg	1 teaspoon allspice

Mix ground sweet potatoes with other ingredients. Also cut butter in chips and drop in pan on pudding. Bake 30 to 40 minutes at 400° F.

Mrs. W. A. Matthews, *People's Chapel Club.*

[Editor's note: I spotted this recipe when going through my mother's cookbooks to find recipes that she had used. She used a similar recipe.]

MARCH 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Sue Powell, President, welcomed guests and members to the meeting. Guests were introduced, and minutes were approved as printed in February Trees. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer, Wanda Taylor.

Data entry of the 2010 Trees index is in process and will be mailed as soon as possible. The 2008 index has not been started.

Sue made another plea for more membership participation and gave a summary of the different ways members can be of help by contributing to the WCGS purpose to collect and preserve the genealogical and historical materials on Wilson County.

[See the announcements in the following section.]

A most interesting program was given by Elaine Richardson, Visitor's Service Coordinator of the Tobacco Farm Life Museum in Kenly, N. C. It was a great reminder for many of us of days past when there were working family farms. Following Elaine's presentation some of the members enjoyed discussing the "days of yore" on the farm.

Frances W. Roberson

FEBRUARY 2011 BOARD MEETING

Renewals being very slow this year, ways to increase the mailing list were discussed to keep our bulk mailing rate. Reminders will go out with Trees and letters will be sent to other societies suggesting an exchange of news letters. Carol Forbes will compile names from queries which could lead to new members. Carroll Arthur will print a reminder (for those who have not renewed) to be placed on the next mailing of Trees.

There was discussion of methods to improve the membership. Perhaps encouraging more member participation might be good as we seem to have the same few involved in WCGS activities.

Sue again asked for help on projects.

Program ideas were discussed. Doug Radar and Ray King were suggested for future meetings. Jerry Stancil reminded us about the importance of using maps in all genealogical searches and offered to do a presentation at one of our meetings.

Wanda asked the board about reimbursing Sue for a new keyboard, mouse, and some minor repairs. It was approved.

Completing business, we adjourned.

Frances W. Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Edgecombe County Genealogical Society will meet April 21 at the Register of Deeds Office in the Courthouse in Tarboro. Be there before the doors are locked at 5:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to search for your ancestors' records.

On May 21, they will meet at the Calvary Episcopal Church where Tom Miller will conduct a tour of the church and cemetery.

• "Freedom, Sacrifice, Memory: Civil War Sesquicentennial Photography Exhibit" will be at the Wilson County Public Library May 1-29. The images were gathered from resources within the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources in observance of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

• Aycock Birthplace, Fremont, N. C. Living History Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate 19th-century skills. On April 20, learn about butter making, open hearth cooking, and corn shelling and grinding; on May 4 visit with a school marm, learn about quill pen and ink writing, and watch a game of townball.

• The National Genealogical Society Annual Family History Conference will be held May 11-14, 2011, in Charleston, S. C. Details at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info .

• The N. C. Office of Archives and History is offering a symposium May 20, 2011, that explores memory and the war. Entitled "Contested Past: Memories and Legacies of the Civil War," the conference will study literature, historiography, statuary, monuments, dissent, race, prisons, suicide, women, heritage organizations, and other legacies. Presenters will consider such questions as: What is most important to remember about the Civil War? How have past generations gone about commemorating the conflict? What lessons can we take from the past? The conference will take place at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh 150 years after North Carolina delegates meeting in the State Capitol voted to take North Carolina out of the Union and align it with the Confederate States of America. Registration is $25, which will cover all lectures, morning refreshments, a boxed lunch, and a reception late Friday afternoon. For more information about other Archives and History programs taking place during the sesquicentennial, visit www.nccivilwar150.com.

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TREES OF WILSON

Wilson's Family Heritage

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President's Message

At some point in our research, we all have trouble finding the answer to one of the facts that we need to know about an ancestor. We try to approach the problem, our "brick wall," from different angles and still can not find the answer.

At our meeting this month, we will have an open discussion about such dilemmas. Someone else may have tackled a similar problem or have more experience researching a different set of records that might hold the answer. We hope that you will bring your research problem for discussion and hopefully learn ways to find a solution.

On page 58 of this issue is the description of the steps a researcher used to find the solution to one of her "brick walls." She used many different internet sites following a natural chain of investigation and found WCGS for the answer to the last piece of her puzzle. Her questions were answered in our reply. The internet has a wealth of information that can help us add piece by piece to the facts that we already know.

On page 56, there is an article about one of our underused set of records, that of roads and bridges. It has often been said that we need to know the neighbors of our ancestors. The census is one source for that, but much can change between two census records. Roads and bridges records contain the names of the men who lived along the roads and near bridges that needed to be built or repaired. They can help you find where your ancestor lived.

Sue Evans Powell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, May 31st
7:00 PM

Please join us for our next meeting on May 31st in the Assembly Room at the library.

Following the business session, we will have a departure from our usual format. Instead of a speaker, we will have an open discussion session which we could call "How to Find the Answers You Need."

Bring your genealogy related questions about how and where to conduct research to find different types of records. Ask how to find the records you need. Present the steps that you have followed unsuccessfully to find an answer about an ancestor. Describe research dilemmas that you have been unable to resolve. What could one do to find answers that don't seem to be in any public records? We will have several experienced researchers who will try to suggest another approach that you can follow.

Upcoming programs:
June—Annual Social
September 27—J. "Jay" Arthur Evans, Mineral Rights
October 25—Doug Rader, Early Colonization Around Stantonsburg
November 29—Annual Meeting

Do you know how to use maps in your research?

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ICHABOD MOORE

Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers of the United States
(Published in 1909, Reprinted in 1984)
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Moore, Elder Ichabod, a son of William Moore, was a soldier in the Mexican War and a useful minister among the Baptists. He was born in Wilson County, N. C. April 10, 1793, convicted of sin and given a sweet hope in Jesus in his eighteenth year, united with the Meadow Church Green County, 1821, and was baptized by Elder Thomas Dupree. He was, in the same year ordained to the work of the ministry by Benjamin Dupree and Samuel Moore. In 1832 he with others, constituted the church at White Oak, Wilson County and was pastor of this churh [sic] until his death. Was also pastor of Toisnot, Black Creek and Tyson Churches. Elder Moore was strong in the faith, pure in life and brought up his children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. One of his sons, Elder A. J. Moore of Whitaker, N. C., is a noted minister of the Primitive Baptist Church and feels he owes much to the faithful life of his father.

[Editor's note: A. J. Moore will be included in the June issue of *Trees*.]

WAR WAS DECLARED

On May 6, 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis approved an act passed by the Confederate Congress recognizing that a state of war existed with the United States of America.

On May 20, 1861, delegates voted to take N. C. out of the union and align with the Confederate States of America.

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DEATHS NOTICES NAMING A DISEASE

Deaths and Marriages from Tarboro Newspapers, 1824-1865, compiled by Hugh Buckner Johnston

[Editor's note: For the purposes of documenting illnesses, names are included if the newspaper obituary listing gave the cause of death. This series of obituaries began in in the January issue of *Trees of Wilson.*]

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, daughter of the late Samuel Skinner, of Chowan County, and wife of Thomas Smith, died of pneumonia at Sparta on February 17, 1856. She was for twenty-four years a member of the Presbyterian Church at Washington, North Carolina. (S. March 1, 1856)

Mrs. Gatsey Staton, wife of John Staton and daughter of the Rev. John H. Daniel, died of consumption near Tarboro on October 5, 1857, aged about twenty-five years, and leaving three small children. (S. October 10, 1857)

Miss Adelaide Stillman died of consumption at Tarboro on January 25, 1857, aged about thirty years. (S. January 31, 1857)

Captain John E. Sulzman, a native of Germany and formerly of Nashville, died of cholera at Georgetown, Mississippi, on March 22, 1850, aged forty years. (T. P. April 20, 1850)

Thomas E. Tartt, Esq., of the House of Tartt, Stuart & Co., died of apoplexy at Mobile on May 6, 1842, aged forty-six years. "Mr. Tartt was formerly of this County, and a very enterprising and worthy citizen, and much respected by all who knew him." (T. P. May 28, 1842)

Maria C. Thomas, daughter of Dr. William G. Thomas, died of cholera infantum at Tarboro on June 13, 1845, aged about eleven months. (T. P. June 18, 1845)

Mrs. Margaret Eliza Toole, wife of Henry I. Toole, Esq., died of cancer of the breast at their residence "The Cottage" in Pitt County on July 16, 1848, aged thirty-six years. She was a member of the Episcopal Church. (T. P. July 22, 1848)

Mrs. Camilla H. Vaughan, wife of the Rev. Maurice H. Vaughan, died at Tarboro of scarlet fever on May 21, 1863, aged twenty-one years. (S. May 23, 1863)

Joseph Ward, only child of Mrs. Charlotte Ward, died of typhus fever on August 7, 1831, aged about nineteen years. (N. C. F. P. August 9, 1831)

John A. Warrington, Tavern Keeper of Plymouth, died in Tarboro on December 8, 1831, "he having been drinking and carousing for two or three days previous." (N. C. F. P. December 13, 1831)

Mrs. Maria T. Weddell, wife of Matthew Weddell, died of consumption at Tarboro on June 16, 1859, in her forty-sixth year. Her father was the late James W. Clark. (S. June 18, 1859)

Captain Virginius L. Weddell, son of James Weddell who was for many years a resident of Tarboro, died of typhoid fever at his father's residence on Sycamore Street in Petersburg on July 22, 1862, aged about twenty-one years. He was serving in the Confederate Cadets. (S. July 26, 1862)

James Wilkinson died of consumption at Tarboro on March 31, 1855, in his forty-second year, leaving a wife and two children by an earlier marriage. He was a native of Rahway, New Jersey, and had been a confectioner at Petersburg before coming to Tarboro. His remains were sent to Petersburg on April 2, and he was buried at Blandford after a funeral conducted by the Reverend Mr. Gibson. (S. April 7, 1855)

(to be continued in a future issue of Trees of Wilson)

1896 NEWS ITEMS

Wilson Times

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Wilson Times, March 13, 1896

A Big Eater

Last Saturday evening Thomas Boon, a Nash county man, went into Kemp & Perry's saloon near Wyatt's tin shop and called for a twenty-five cent dinner. When he completed his meal, he had eaten six pounds of stew beef, three bunches of trout, one pound of corn bread, 14 inches x 7 inches and ½ inch thick. He had drank eight cups of coffee and had said grace three times. The restaurant cook gives us this as being true.

Wilson Times, March 13, 1896, and May 29, 1896

Gen. Lee's Farewell Address to his Army

The following is a copy of the original farewell address of General R. E. Lee to his army, issued April 10th 1865, copied from the original now in the hands of our sheriff J. W. Crowell who read it to his company on that date. Many old soldiers will take delight in reading it.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

April 10th, 1865.

GEN. ORDER NO. 9:--

After four years of arduous service marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Va. has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources.

I need not tell the survivors of so many hard fought battles who remained steadfast to the last that I have consented to the result from no distrust of them.

But feeling that value and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that would have attended the continuance of the contest, I determined to avoid the usless sacrifice of those whose past service have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement, officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray a merciful God will extend to you his blessing and protection.

With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country and a greatful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration for myself I bid you an affectionate farewell.

(Signed) R. E. LEE General.
(SIGNED) G. PEYTON A. A. G.

Wilson Times, March 21, 1896

Wilbanks Letter

My letter this week will be short as there is little news in this vicinity just now.

Business is as brisk as could be expected for this time of the year.

Our merchants are receiving their spring goods and wish to call attention to their special lines.

Last Wednesday at 2 o'clock Mr. R. R. Lewis of Edgecombe county was married to Miss Mattie Lewis of Gardners, Wilson county. The ceremony was performed by Elder James S. Woodard at the home of the bride's parents. The groom was forty-five years of age and the bride sixteen. We wish them all happiness in their journey through life. May it be a long and happy one.

We had a very sad death in this neighborhood last Wednesday a week ago. Mrs. Mittie Baker, wife of Willis Baker, and daughter of John Varnelle, died at 4 o'clock on that day. She leaves a husband and one child about three weeks old. She was eighteen years of age, having been married two years. Few women were more esteemed than she and she leaves a host of friends who sympathise with Mr. Baker in his sad bereavement.

Friend.

[Editor's notes: The marriage register recorded that R. R. Lewis, 41, Edgecombe County resident, and Mittie S. Wiggins, 19, Gardners Township resident were married by James S. Woodard, Primitive Baptist Minister, on March 11, 1896, at the residence of William R. Wiggins, Gardners Township. The marriage was witnessed by K. C. Lewis, S. W. Wooten, and C. H. Wiggins.

The marriage of Willis Baker, 27, Wilson County resident, and Mittie Varnell, 16, was performed by W. D. P. Sharpe, J. P., on March 21, 1894, at the residence of John Varnell, Gardners Township. M. O. Forbes, Moses Baker, and M. P. Baker were the witnesses.

There was also a marriage record of Willis Baker, 26, to Leah Varnell, 15, performed by J. T. Moore, J. P., on February 24, 1897, in Gardners Township. The witnesses were L. T. Dildy, J. W. Webb, and Chas. Walston.

In the 1900 Wilson County Census of Gardners Township, household number 129 contained the following persons:

John Varnell, head, born Dec. 1848, married 30 years, farmer

Sallie Varnell, wife, born Jan. 1845, 12 births, 9 living children

William Varnell, son, born Nov. 1880, single, farm laborer

John T. Varnell, son, born Feb. 1886, single, farm laborer

Sallie Varnell, daughter, born May 1888, single

Mary E. Varnell, daughter, born Aug. 1890, single

Lear B. Baker, daughter, born Aug. 1882, widow, two births, 2 living children

Albert W. Baker, grandson, born Mar. 1895

Repsey Baker, granddaughter, born May 1898

Nellie R. Baker, granddaughter, born Oct. 1899

Tresa E. Baker, daughter, born Dec. 1883, widow, one birth, 1 living child

Ada Baker, granddaughter, born Oct. 1899

Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, J. Robert Boykin, *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe]

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OBITUARIES NAMING THE DISEASE THAT CAUSED THE DEATH

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Wilson Daily Times, March 20, 1896

JONATHAN TOMLINSON

Stricken With Paralysis

Last Saturday night at 9 o'clock, Hon Jonathan Tomlinson the member of the State House of Representatives from Wilson Co., was stricken with paralysis on his left side.

If nothing worse develops, he will recover, although his condition is now serious. Mr. Tomlinson is a resident of Black Creek Township having lived in Wilson county all his life.

He represented his county in the Legislature in 1894. He is a very popular man in his county and his many friends will watch for any change in his condition.

Wilson Daily Times, April 17, 1896

Communicated

The apostle Paul, as he saw that the time for him to offered [sic] up was at hand writing to his beloved nephew Timothy wrote, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith," and thus with a consciousness in his heart that he had not neglected his duty but had performed his life work he was ready to be taken to his Master. That feeling duty done was sure a proud one and a greater econium cannot be bestowed upon any man than to say he has done his duty that his community has been advantaged by his having lived in it. Thus as I come to write a few words in memory of Jonathan Tomlinson, I feel that I ... [missing] stow that high praise ... he was faithful in the ... of each and every duty ... upon him. He was a self-made man in all respects, and by his own energy accumulated considerable means. In his business relations he was just and honorable and always commanded the respect and esteem of his neighbors and friends by the fairness of his dealings and the purity of his life. Socially Mr. Tomlinson was a pleasant companion and a warm friend, a very kind-hearted man; he was a loving indulgent father and husband. He served his county as one of the commissioners and also in Legislative halls at Raleigh and every duty was well performed and not the slightest taint of dishonor has ever sullied his fair record. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand to a friend and with that charity which lets "not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth" did not like to be reminded of the favors he bestowed upon those who were so fortunate as to be able to call him friend. The writer is proud to say that [he] was among the number that had the honor and the pleasure to call him friend and to me he was a friend "faithful and true." Stricken down in the midst of his usefulness with a large family and circle of friends to mourn his memory, those bereaved ones can only bow in submission to the will of him "Who doeth all things well," and cherish his memory and strive to imitate his many virtues. As with a heart full of grief we pen these few lines as a tribute to the dead, we feel how inadequate are words to portray the feelings of sorrow that fill our heart. Mr. Tomlinson was a Christian and died in full fellowship with his church, and may the alwise God who has taken him back to himself, soothe the wounded hearts of the deeply bereaved ones he has left behind. The good that he has accomplished in life is his great momument [sic], and we can only in a feeble way mention that goodness by saying: "His life was gentle and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world this was a man."

A. Friend

Wilson Times, May 7, 1897

SALLIE TOMLINSON

At her home in Black Creek township, this county, last Monday morning, Mrs. Sallie Tomlinson, the wife of the Hon. Jonathan Tomlinson, deceased, died. She has long been a sufferer, yet her death was a shock to the family. Mrs. Tomlinson was the mother of eight children who have risen up "and called her blessed." Among these are Mr. Louis Tomlinson and Mrs. John Riley, both of this city. Her family is well known in the county and Mrs. Tomlinson was respected and beloved by those who knew her intimately. To her bereaved family, we extend sympathy.

[Editor's Note: Jonathan W. Tomlinson, Jr., was the son of Jonathan Tomlinson and Priscilla Renfrow, and the grandson of Stephen and Mary Rountre Tomlinson, and James and Sarah Barnes Renfrow. Stephen Tomlinson was the son of William and Merrcudy Tomlinson. The lineage of this family is included in *Wilson County's Founding Families,* Powell and Powell.

Jonathan Tomlinson, born April 17, 1834, was issued a license on January 1, 1856, to marry Sarah Daniel, born February 25, 1839, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Barnes Daniel.

In 1860, Jonathan, 24, farmer; his wife Sallie, 20; Martha, 3; and William H., 1; lived in Black Creek District. Their home was four households from that of his parents Jonathan and Siller Tomlinson.

In the 1870 census, he was recorded in Black Creek Township as Johnathan Tomlin, 33, farmer. Living with him were Sallie, 29; Pattie, 14; William, 12; Deby, 9; Sallie, 6; and Zilla, 6.

In 1880, John W. Tomlinson, 44, farmer; and his wife Sarah, 40; lived in Black Creek Township. Their children, William H., 20, farm worker; Delpha C., 18; Ardella S., 14; Viola, 14; Lewis S., 7; John S., 4; and Jacob, 2; lived with them.

Many members of the Tomlinson family were buried in the J. Tomlinson Cemetery near Lely Road in Black Creek Township including these:

Jonathan Tomlinson, b. 24 MAR 1801, d. MAR 1877

Precilla Tomlinson, b. 1806, d. 21 SEP 1866

Jonathan Tomlinson, b. 17 APR 1834, d. 31 MAR 1896, "Husband of Sallie, aged 61 yrs. 11 mos. & 14 days. He was the Democratic representative of Wilson County in the legislative office."

Sallie Tomlinson, b. 25 FEB 1839, d. 03 MAY 1897,

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(Obituaries Naming Cause of Death, continued from page 52)

"Wife of Jonathan Tomlinson, Aged 58 yrs. 2 mos. & 8 dys." (double marker with Jonathan)
Wilson County's Founding Families, Powell and Powell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of* 1860, Joan L. Howell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870;* Joan L. Howell*; Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census,* J. Robert Boykin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume I,* Joan L. Howell]

Wilson Daily Times, August 5, 1897

RICHARD MAURY
Richmond Maury Dead

Tuesday the many friends of Mr. Richmond Maury, of the Stemmery firm of Richond [sic] Maury, & Co., of this city, were surprised and grieved to hear that that gentlemen [sic] has just died at his home in Danville of acute appendicitis. Mr. Maury, since his first appearance here, has always impressed those with whom he came in contact, as being a splendid citizen, an excellent business man and a perfect gentlemen [sic]. To many of our people his death is a personal loss, but to all, his death means the loss of one of Wilson's most enterprising citizens. He was the pioneer in the stemmery business here and at his death, conducted, possibly, the largest stemmery in this state. Not only was he largely interested here, but in Danville and in Richmond he was financially interested, and well known in both cities in business and social circles.

By placing his business here, Mr. Maury made himself a public benefactor, for the presence of this large stemmery aided to create the great demand for tobacco which has made Wilson a large tobacco market.

So Wednesday morning at a called meeting of the Wilson Chamber of Commerce, resolutions were adopted relative to his death, and a floral tribute was sent, attesting to a very small extent, the regard in which Mr. Maury was held by the business men of the city.

The resolutions of the Chamber are as follows:

Wilson, N. C., August 3, 1897.

Whereas, God in His all-wise providence, has called from labor to rest Richmond Maury, one of Wilson's most earnest and successful supporters and advocates,

Now, therefore, Be it resolved,

1st. That in his death the town of Wilson has lost a personal friend.

2nd. That his successful efforts in the advancement in our midst of a large business enterprise has contributed much to the permanent establishment of our tobacco trade.

3rd. That his business career in Wilson is a fit model for our young men to emulate, and we do commend his want of affectation, his cordial social qualities, high moral character and eminent abilities as a business man.

4th. That we tender to his sorely bereaved family our most profound sympathy.

J. F. Bruton,
F. W. Barnes,
Albert Anderson,
Committee

[Editor's note: **Stemmery:** a factory or other place where tobacco leaves are stripped. The word originated 1855-1860.
Source: "stemmery." Dictionary.com. *Dictionary.com Unabridged.* Random House, Inc. http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/stemmery (accessed: April 26, 2011)]

(1896 News Items, continued from page 51)

Wilson Times, May 1, 1896

LOCALS

Mr. Ernest Nadal succeeds his father in the drug business. We wish him success and feel sure it will be successfully managed.

The young people of the town gave a Gypsy Tea last Wednesday evening at Wiggins' Mill. It was a very enjoyable occasion, and all had a pleasant time.

We are glad to see that Mr. W. W. Hargrave, a former citizen of Wilson, was elected to the very important position of warden by the Knights Templars Coueur De Lion Commandery which met at Knoxville, Tenn. This is very complimentary.

Mr. Tom Summerlin who lived on the Farrior place near Wilson, died last Sunday morning. He had a yellow chill the week before and had grown rapidly worse. The deceased leaves a wife and four children. They have our sincere sympathy in their affliction.

We regret the death of Rev. Mr. Wingate's little daughter, Miriam, which occurred last night a week ago. The funeral services were held on Friday and were conducted by the Rev. Mr. M. L. Poffenberger of Tarboro. We offer our sympathy to the stricken family.

[Editor's note: W. W. Hargrave, 23, druggist, born in North Carolina, was a boarder in the Davis Hotel on Barnes Street in Wilson according to the 1880 Wilson County census.

W. W. Hargrove, 27, Wilson County resident, was married to Kate H. Cantwell, 18, Wilson County resident, on February 25, 1885, by Benja. S. Brunson, Minister E. C., at Wilson, N. C. The witnesses were Kate R. Ruffin, Mrs. B. S. Brunson, and Mrs. H. B. Daniel.

Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census, J. Robert Boykin; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* J. Robert Boykin]

SUN

Sun is mentioned in the article about White Oak Bridge on page 57. Also known as Woodard, it is a community in eastern Wilson County between Toisnot Swamp and White Oak Swamp on Highway 91 where it intersects with Holden's Cross Road. Sun was a post office site from 1898 to 1905.
Gazetteer of Wilson County, N. C., Hugh Buckner Johnston and Garland P. Stout; *The North Carolina Gazetteer,* William S. Powell

WORLD WAR II DRAFT REGISTRATIONS (FOURTH REGISTRATION, a.k.a., "Old Man's Registration) APRIL 27, 1942

Database: Ancestry.com. U. S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 [database on-line] Original data: United States Selective Service System, Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II: Fourth Registration. National Archives and Records Administration

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

[Note: The original draft registration cards for North Carolina and several other southern states were destroyed several years ago before they were microfilmed. The persons included here were born in Wilson County and living in other states at the time of their registration.]

Bowser, Russell Linwood	B	3/5/1891	5634 S. Parkway, Chicago, Cook Co., IL	Tel. Went 2910; contact, A.B. Bowser, Chicago; employer, Central Investigation Unit, Federal Security Agency, Public Health Service; 5'10 ½", 187 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ Russell L. Boswer
Boyette, Eunice Williamson	---	3/9/1896	4604 Maine Ave., [Baltimore MD?]	Tel. Fo. 4759; contact, Mrs. E.W. Boyette; employer, Fairfield Shipyard, Baltimore; /s/ E.W. Boyette
Boyette, George Vernon	W	10/9/1891	431 King St., Portsmouth VA	Tel. 1532; born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. George V. Boyette; employer, Dry Dock Associates; 5'8", 168 lbs.; brown eyes and hair; ruddy complexion; /s/ George Vernon Boyette
Boyette, Nathan	---	4/12/1894	State Rd., New Castle, New Castle Co., DE	Born Wilson County; contact, J.W. Scott; retired M/Sgt, US Army; /s/ Nathan Boyette
Boykin, Edgar Barnes	---	2/3/1886	321 Cedar Ave., Takoma Park, Montgomery Co., MD	Tel. Sh. 6164J; contact, Celeste Boykin, Takoma Park; employer, Library of Congress, Washington DC; /s/ Edgar B. Boykin
Boykin, Howard Caswell	W	11/19/1893	827 Ohio St., Vallejo CA	Tel. 3-6908; born Wilson County; contact, Louise Boykin; employer, Charles F. Curry School, Vallejo School Dept.; 5' 11 ¾", 148 lbs.; gray eyes and hair; light complexion; "deformed fingernail on middle finger of right hand, hands tremble all the time shell-shocked"; /s/ Howard C. Boykin
Boykin, Lawrence Battle	W	4/17/1886	Rt. 1, Dinwiddie Co., VA	Contact, Mrs. Earl Broadwell, Petersburg VA; employer, Doyle & Russell Construction Co., Chesterfield Co., Camp Lee VA; 5'9", 130 lbs.; blue eyes, brown hair; light complexion; "bald in front"; /s/ L.B. Boykin
Boykin, Louis Franklin	W	2/22/1896	P.O. Box 724, Petersburg VA	Born Lucama NC; contact, Mrs. L.F. Boykin, Petersburg; employer, US Government Area Engineer, Richmond General Depot, Chesterfield VA; 5'10", 165 lbs.; gray eyes and hair; light complexion; /s/ Louis F. Boykin
Brady, Horace	---	6/2/1896	1620 McElderry St., Baltimore MD	Contact, Maggie Brady; employer, Baltimore Brick Co.; no signature

Braswell, Joseph	B	8/18/1886	955 Mount Vernon, Portsmouth VA	Tel. 3824; contact, William Hines, Pinetops NC; employer, J.H. Ivey, Portsmouth; 5'6 ½", 165 lbs.; brown eyes, black and gray hair; light brown complexion; /s/ Joe Braswell
Brice, Claude Foy	W	2/11/1893	Rt. 1, Salem, Roanoke Co., VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. Claude Brice, Salem VA; employer, Virginian Railroad, Princeton WV; 5'10 ½", 155 lbs.; blue eyes, brown hair; ruddy complexion; /s/ C.F. Brice
Bridgers, John Thomas	W	8/25/1896	45 Dale Homes, Portsmouth VA	Contact, Ida Ruth Bridgers, Goldsboro NC; employer, Norfolk Navy Yard, Shop 71, Portsmouth VA; 5'8 ½", 178 lbs.; blue eyes, brown hair; light complexion; /s/ John T. Bridgers
Bridges, Bennie	---	3/25/1880	408 N. Pearl St., [Baltimore MD]	Contact, Bertha Bridges, Baltimore; employer, WPA, Coast Guard, Curtis Bay MD; /s/ Bennie Bridges
Bridges, Bennie	---	3/25/1880	620 Sarah Ann St., Baltimore MD	Contact, Ruthie Bridges, Baltimore; employer, Charles H. Tompkins Co., Fort Deposit MD; /s/ Bennie Bridges
Bright, Jesse Leroy	B	9/22/1889	144 S. Academy St., Glassboro, Gloucester Co., NJ	Tel. 278R; contact, Mrs. Lula Bright; employer, Schaible Feed & Coal Co., 5'4", 150 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ Jesse L. Bright
Brin, John	---	3/8/1883	2100 Seybert St., Philadelphia PA	Contact, Mrs. Mary Brin, Philadelphia; WPA, Jennings Quarry, Philadelphia; signed with X
Brooks, Burley	B	4/4/1897	79 St. Nicholas Place, New York NY	Born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. Ruby Shade; employer, Independent Subway System, 23rd Street Station; 5'8", 190 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; light brown complexion; /s/ Burley Brooks
Brooks, McCoy	B	5/1/1889	7008 Cranby St. Ext., Norfolk VA	Contact, Mrs. Jenny Jordan, Norfolk; employer, C&P Telephone Co., Norfolk; 6'1/2", 175 lb.; brown eyes, bald; ruddy complexion; /s/ McCoy Brooks
Brooks, Press	---	12/25/1894	832 Harlem Ave., Baltimore MD	Contact, Mrs. Louise Brooks; employer, US Army, Edgewood Arsenal MD; signed with X
Brooks, Samuel Tilden	W	11/18/1893	159 Chestnut SE, Warren, Trumbull Co., OH	Tel. 1244W; born Stantonsburg NC; contact, Mary A. Brooks; employer, Republic Steel Co.; 5'7", 160 lbs.; brown eyes and hair; light complexion; "deformed index finger on left hand"; /s/ Samuel Tilden Brooks
Browder, John Thomas	W	8/9/1879	Crater Rd., RFD 1, Petersburg, Prince George Co., VA	Contact, Mrs. Eva May Browder, Petersburg; employer, Doyle, Russell & Wise Contr. Co., Camp Lee; 6', 175 lbs.; gray eyes and hair; light complexion; /s/ John Thomas Browder

ROADS AND BRIDGES

North Carolina Research, Genealogy and Local History

Chapter 21 by Raymond A. Winslow, Jr.

In North Carolina, the County Courts and, after 1868, the County Commissioners "were largely responsible for the creation, upkeep, supervision, and financing of roads, bridges, ferries, ditches, and canals until legislation in 1915, 1921, and 1931 transferred" those responsibilities to the State Highway Commission.

"Care of roads and bridges was a community duty. Road overseers were appointed annually to attend the stretches of road on which they lived, and they were empowered to call on all eligible able-bodied hands from among their neighbors to labor on the roads." Unless exempted or excused, those persons "cleared obstructions, cleaned ditches, made minor repairs to bridges, and did such other work as necessary to made the roads passable."

Ferries, some major bridges, and mills were both partly private and partly public. A toll or fee was normally charged for public use, and they usually had full time keepers. Grist and saw mills, powered by water or steam, public landings or wharves, and the improvement of navigation on numerous waterways were also county responsibilities.

ROADS AND BRIDGES RECORDS

"Records and papers concerning roads, bridges, ferries, mills, canals, ditches, landings, and local navigation are filed as separate categories, lumped under the general heading 'Roads and Bridges' or filed chronologically among other public papers. Those created before 1868 may be in the offices of Clerks of Superior Courts while later ones may be in the offices of Registers of Deeds." The North Carolina State Archives preserves the records from all time periods. The six categories of records are described below ("Road Dockets" items may cover all six groups):

1. Petitions for laying out, cutting, constructing, turning, changing, altering, repairing, preventing, closing, stopping up, or discontinuing roads, bridges, ferries, et. al. These records "usually contain signatures of neighborhood residents and mention local geographical features and landmarks such as buildings both public and private, with dates and the reasons for and descriptions of the desired requests."

2. Reports of Juries or Commissioners who had been given the responsibility of creating, changing, or inspecting roads, etc. These reports "describe the matter under their consideration" and may contain rough sketches or finished surveyor's maps, the names of persons whose property might be affected along with an assessment of damages, and the names of persons liable to work on particular roads.

3. Warrants and Orders "appointing road overseers, commissioners, jurors, supervisors, builders, and keepers or tenders of bridges or ferries" often named the persons and described their duties. "Overseers' appointments may give details concerning the bounds of their responsibilities or may simply say 'in the room and district of' previous overseers."

4. Contracts and Specifications for construction or repair may give details. Performance bonds posted by builders or keepers, usually called bridge bonds or ferry bonds, required the discharge of the stated duties.

5. Bills, Receipts, and Accounts "show sums of money received or expended, describe the reasons therefore, and name the persons involved."

6. Legal Papers, "both civil and criminal, may be filed under the subject with which they deal. Those concerned with roads include complaints against negligent overseers or persons who damaged roads, etc., or who hindered the public's access to them, as well as prosecutions of such offenders." Mills often exploded or overflowed resulting in lawsuits. Similar records regarding railroads may be found in some counties.

Road and bridge records, like all record categories, may contain valuable unexpected details about what would seem to be unrelated subjects. They may refer to watercourses and structures whose existence and/or location may not be known or traceable.

County Court minutes contain many references to roads. "Additional information may be found in County Commissioners' minutes, county accounts and claims, road dockets, and tax records."

HIGHER COURT RECORDS

Chapter 32, by George Stevenson

During the period from 1670 through 1738, the General Court sat for the entire colony of North Carolina. During this period they shared jurisdiction with other courts in several areas including erection of bridges and ferries and construction of roads. "Colonial Court Records" is the record group at State Archives that includes the General Court records.

After 1738, Circuit Courts were established and Precinct Courts became County Courts of Pleas and Quarters. The General Court remained the court of record, and the Sessions and Minute Dockets as well as the records of the cases were returned to the General Court.

STANTON'S AND WHITE OAK BRIDGES

"Looking Backward," Hugh Johnston

Stanton's Bridge

Somewhere near the northeastern boundary of the present Wilson County, Dempsey Eure, Aaron Atkinson, Benjamin Sharpe, James Pitt, Jesse Johnston, Thomas Pitt, Kinchen Cherry, John Forbes, Isaac Scarborough, Jeremiah Weaver, Dempsey Skinner, Jr., Isaac Hobbs, John Wilkinson, Lamon Dunn, and Jonathan Gardner, Jr., were authorized on March 4, 1814, to turn the road from Tarboro to Stanton's Bridge in accordance with the petition of Amos Johnston.

On May 23, 1814, James Stanton, Eli Amason, Willie Stanton, and Archalaus Barnes were asked to agree with the Wayne County Commissioners on the repair of Stanton's Bridge on Contentnea Creek, and

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(Stanton's and White Oak Bridges, continued from page 56)

the cost was reported at $147.70. The road from Sparta to Stantonsburg was mentioned on February 22, 1819, and on February 24th John Parker, Henry Stanton, and Benjamin Amason were appointed to confer with the Wayne committee towards erecting a new bridge called "Stanton's Bridge." This had been done by May 24th by Willie J. Stanton, and Edgecombe County assumed $498.50 of the costs of 997.00.

Prior to November 29, 1825, Stephen Felton repaired the "Bridge across Contentnea at Stantonsburg" at a joint cost of $67.50 to the Counties of Edgecombe and Wayne; and on February 26, 1828, Josiah R. Horn, Henry L. Stanton, Joseph Daniel, and Coffield Ellis were named to meet with the Wayne Committee and to let the rebuilding of this bridge to the lowest undertaker. David Bundy and Thomas Hadley took the contract and had completed it by August 25th at a cost of $487.00.

On February 23, 1829, James Cobb succeeded Samuel Moore as overseer of "the road leading from Stantonsburg to Greenville." This was probably the road that crosses Toisnot Swamp just north of the influence of Goff's Branch, and Cobb's duties ended at the Greene County line.

On November 7, 1837, Joshua Wilkinson, Thomas L. Burt, and Jacob S. Barnes were the Commissioners who certified that Edgecombe and Wayne Counties each owed Jesse Boswell $197.50, after deducting $5.00 for the old timbers, for having rebuilt "the Bridge at Stantonsburg."

WHITE OAK BRIDGE

On February 11, 1785, James Barnes, Absalom Barnes, William Amason, Jr., Nathan Tart, William Whitley, Jr., Nathan Baggett, Abram Baggett, Jr., James Amason, George Whitley, Joseph Cox, Joshua Haile, and Malachi Brantley were appointed by the Edgecombe County Court "to lay off a Road leading from Tarborough to the ... upon Tosneot Bridge by the Meeting House, crossing the White Oak at or near Theophilus Thomas's into the road by Isaac Eason's to Martinborough, and that Theophilus Thomas, Esqs. attended the said Jury and is also appointed Overseer of said Road."

The hands of the following persons were ordered to assist them in this work: Malachi Brantley, Marmaduke Brantley, William Amason, Jr., Widow (Ann) Langston, John Thomas, Theophilus Thomas, James Amason, George Bruce, Shadrach Eason, Isaac Eason, Isaac Eason, Jr., Nathan Baggett, Nathan Baggett, Jr., William Whitley, Jr., George Whitley, Joseph Cox, Joshua Haile, William Daniel, Richard Bolton, Archelaus Barnes, John Amason, Jonathan Tart, and Widow (Mary) Thomas.

On May 3, 1785, it was "Ordered that Theophilus Thomas Esqr. attended the sd. Jury" for the new road consisting of Elnathan Tart, Cornelius Jordan, Cornealius Jordan, Jr., Marmaduke Brantley, John Hedgepeth, Eli Amason, William Amason, Jr., Joseph Cox, Thomas Saunders, John Dew, Jr., William Hickman, John Walton, Joseph Farmer, Isaac Farmer, Jr., Arthur Dew, Malachi Brantley, Isaac Eason, Shadrach Eason, Abner Eason, and James Amason. On August 2, 1785, Joseph Parker, Esq., was ordered to administer the oath to the "Jurors to lay off a road agreeable to a former order": Arthur Dew, John Dew, Joseph Simms, Malachi Brantley, John Walton, Shadrach Eason, Abner Eason, Isaac Eason, Isaac Eason, Jr., Charles Coleman, William Amason, Joseph Cocks, Joshua Bentley, Joseph Daniel, Isaac Farmer, Jacob Horn, William Robertson, Sr., James Stanton, Joseph Farmer, William Whitley, William Ellis, James Amason, Benjamin Amason, Asa Daniel, Lemuel Daniel, William Daniel, William Daniel (smith), Cornelius Jordan, Thomas Sanders, William White, and Joshua Jordan.

On November 9, 1785, Henry Robinson was made Overseer of the work of his own hands and those of Ephraim Barnes, Mary Thomas, and Nathan Tart to "open the new Road leadg. across the White Oak swamp near Theophilus Thomas's, beginning at the Road near the Meeting House and to work thro' the sd. White Oak swamp." All hands below White Oak Swamp were to work under Absalom Barnes, and "the remainder of the hands that formerly worked under William Ellis (were to) open aforesd. new road from the end of the Road near Isaac Eason's thro' the White Oak Swamp" under William Amason. Thus began the actual cutting of the road lately laid off.

This road must have begun near the Thomas Settlement on the Wilson-Tarboro Highway, passed into the old Plank Road at Sun, crossed White Oak Swamp along the present Highway, and by-passed Saratoga southerly in the direction of Stantonsburg. On February 7, 1786, the hands of William Ellis and Henry Robertson were instructed to "make a Bridge over White Oak Swamp where the new Road Crosses near Theophilus Thomas's" under the direction of William Amason, William Ellis, Henry Robertson, Elnathan Tartt, Joseph Cox, John Singleton, and Theophilus Thomas.

On August 10, 1786, Malachi Brantley was Overseer of the "road from White Oak swamp to the old Road near James Amason" with the hands of Theophilus Thomas, John Thomas, Mills Barefield, Eli Amason, Ann Langston, Henry Amason, Richard Bolton, John Bullock, James Johnson, and Samuel Mayo; and Absalom Barnes was Overseer of the "old road from Spencer Ball's to Whiteoak Swamp" with the hands of Ozeal Barnes, Jesse Amason, John Amason, Joshua Haile, and George Bruce.

On the same date Abner Eason was Overseer of the "new Road from the old Road at James Amason's to the end of the road near Isaac Eason's" with the hands of Reuben Bateman, Mercer Ward, James Singleton, Lewis Bundy, Shadrach Eason, William Eingleton, Abram Baggett, Nathan Baggett, Blake Baggett, Joel Baggett, Joshua Johnson, Thomas Wills, Leonard Wills, William Daniel, Thomas Daniel, John Daniel, John Chester, Cyprian Thigpen, George Whitley, Isaac Eason, Coburn Eason, John Corbett, Nathan Lewis Davis, John Gay, William Gay, and Richard Gay. This road seems to have proceeded over Autrey's Creek.

AZARIAH "ASA" W. BLAKE

Query and Information submitted by Jane Cranford

Do you have any information about the soldiers buried in the mound under the Confederate memorial statue at Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson, N. C.? It is my understanding that a bronze plaque was mounted there listing the soldier's names, etc.

For years I'd heard that my gr-gr-gr-grandfather, Azariah W. Blake, called "Asa" or "Aza", of Montgomery County, N. C. enlisted in the Civil War as a Confederate, left for service & never returned. It was said that no one had ever known what happened to him, and it was presumed he died during the war. Asa was married before the war, in 1849, to Parthenia Elizabeth Haywood Blake. They were both about age 18-19 when they married, so he would have been in his early 30's at the time he died or disappeared. Parthenia went on without him, raising their 6 children and running their farm, but she never remarried. She passed away in 1904 in Montgomery Co., N. C., at the age of 74. Her grandfather's house, built in 1780, still stands on Thickety Creek in Mt. Gilead, Montgomery Co., N. C., too. Lots of descendants from those families still live in the area.

Many times I've looked for information about Asa and wondered if he'd been killed in battle, died in a prison camp, or what, but had found no information. What happened to him was a family mystery. Today I came across a posting on an Ancestry.com message board that gave a death date for Asa. That information "opened the flood gates" so to speak, as that led me to find so much more information today.

Entering his name and the death date, I found the following information in *Roster of North Carolina Troops in the War Between the States, Vol. 3*, by the N. C. General Assembly, published by Ashe & Gatling, State Printers, Raleigh, N. C. 1882: Company K, 45th Regiment, N. C. Troops - Blake, Asa - Private - Enlisted Oct. 7, 1862; Montgomery Co (N. C.); died May 3rd, 1863 of disease, at Wilson.

I looked up Wilson, N. C., to see if any camps were there, or if battles had been fought there. I checked to see if I could find Asa Blake in any cemetery data bases for the town or county of Wilson, N. C. I also looked for other soldiers who'd died at Wilson. From a Daughters of the Confederacy book, by Turner Publishing, I found an entry about a soldier named Wilson Dallas Jones, of Company D, 63rd Regiment, N. C. Troops, who died April 22, 1863, of "febres typhoides" (typhoid fever) at a Confederate Hospital in Wilson, N. C. (Not meaning to get off track, but I'll note it was an interesting entry due to the body preservation method. It seems the body was packed in sand within the wooden coffin and shipped to Greensboro where the family picked up the body and took it home to Rockingham Co., N. C. The entry noted that the body and coffin had to stay on the wagon overnight, under a tree, until the funeral the next day, because the coffin was so heavy to lift with all that sand in it.) Now back to Asa.

I thought since Asa Blake died of disease in Wilson, maybe he could have been treated at this same Confederate Hospital. I found several other accounts of soldiers with notations like "hospitalized in Wilson" or "died at the hospital at Wilson." In looking for information on this hospital, I came on a website of The N. C. Dept. of Cultural Resources, N. C. Highway Historical Marker Program. Wilson has a historic marker (ID #F-32) commemorating a Confederate Hospital (N. C. General Military Hospital #2), which was headed by Dr./Major Soloman Sampson Satchwell, a military surgeon with the Twenty-fifth N. C. Infantry. This Confederate Hospital was established in the former Wilson Female Seminary building. At the war's end the hospital closed, the girl's school reopened and eventually became Wilson Collegiate Institute. The historic marker is located at Herring Ave. and Gold St. in Wilson and says the hospital was located 1-1/2 miles southeast. That website had great information about the hospital, telling about it's workers, use of such medical supplies as turpentine and ice to treat fevers, etc. Most interestingly to me, it said that those who died at the Confederate hospital were buried in a mass grave. Then it said when Wilson created a town cemetery, the soldier's bodies were re-interred there and a Confederate Monument was erected over the site. I found that Maplewood Cemetery, a large cemetery in Wilson, has a Confederate Monument. In researching that, I found a posting dated May 11, 2003 [sic.?], by Dennis Rogers of the News & Observer. On that day, a bronze marker was placed at the edge of the "Soldiers' Mound," at Maplewood Cemetery. He says the marker provides names, units and states for the 101 soldiers buried in the mound under the Monument and that prior to the plaque, nothing had indicated this. [The marker was dedicated May 10, 2008]

I thought perhaps you'd have info and might even have additional information, such as general info about the hospital like whether the building is still standing, or whether any of the hospital records exist, any local newspaper accounts from that time about the hospital, or how Wilson was affected during the war, etc. I noticed typhoid mentioned in several of the accounts I found of the soldiers treated at the hospital and wondered if there was an outbreak in town, or in the hospital at that time. I looked up the doctor, Solomon S. Satchwell and found he wrote some medical essays. I also found some information on his personal and professional life before and after military service, and info about his death and burial. Oddly enough, though it was many, many years later, he died of typhoid, too.

Any information will be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your time and I didn't mean to be so wordy. Maybe the mystery of old Asa Blake will be solved at last! Best Regards, Jane Cranford email address: jcrnfrd@yahoo.com P.S. - Please note, Asa could be buried under his full name, Azariah W. Blake, his initials A. or A. W. Blake, or his nickname Asa (or Aza) Blake.

[Asa Blake is one of over 200 named on the plaque.]

APRIL 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Sue Powell welcomed guests and members. The minutes were approved as printed in the last issue of *TREES*. Wanda Taylor gave the treasurer's report showing an income of $594.26 and expenses of $374.12. Data entry on the 2010 index is 60% complete and will be mailed upon completion.

(See announcements below.)

Attention was called to the newsletters of Old Dobbs County GS and Edgecombe County GS. Both have improved formats. Our genealogy room has copies of each. Sue read an email query sent recently by a descendant of "Asa" W. Blake, who died at the Wilson Confederate Hospital and was buried here in Wilson. It made for fascinating reading and was a reminder of the importance of small bits of family history when connected.

Terry Bryant and Wallace Abernathy, Commander and Lieutenant Commander of the Jesse S. Barnes Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, gave a wonderful program (complete with pictures) on the preservation and renovation of the Confederate Hospital in Wilson N. C.

In 1859 six men opened a forty-room girls' school, at a cost of $8,000.00, which was known as the Wilson Female Seminary. The Confederate government took it over and converted it to a hospital with Dr. S. S. Satchwell as the general surgeon. Two hundred soldiers died there. The building was converted to a military training school in 1880, and in 1898 was it divided into six buildings for rental property.

Today it is located at 401 Goldsboro Street and sits on one and a third acres. Many, many hours of work have been dedicated to this restoration project with much more to be done.

Upon completion of this project there will be a museum and a room for the UDC.

Terry and Wallace made us aware of this ongoing project and what it means to our home to have this wonderful piece of history being restored as a work of love and dedication to our past history.

Questions were answered after the presentation and the meeting was adjourned.

Frances W. Roberson

"Names are not always what they seem. The common Welsh name Bzjxxllwcp is pronounced 'Jackson.'"

Mark Twain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Dr. Matthew Farina, noted authority on Civil War medicine will speak at the Boykin Center, Wilson N. C., at 10 am on May 21st. That same day there will be Civil War Medicine Demonstrations at the site of the former Confederate Hospital, 401 N. Goldsboro St., Wilson, N. C. Both events are free.

• Edgecombe County Genealogical Society will meet May 21 at the Calvary Episcopal Church where Tom Miller will conduct a tour of the church and cemetery.

• "Freedom, Sacrifice, Memory: Civil War Sesquicentennial Photography Exhibit" will be at the Wilson County Public Library May 1-29. The images were gathered from resources within the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources in observance of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

• The N. C. Office of Archives and History is offering a symposium May 20, 2011, that explores memory and the war. Entitled "Contested Past: Memories and Legacies of the Civil War," the conference will study literature, historiography, statuary, monuments, dissent, race, prisons, suicide, women, heritage organizations, and other legacies. Presenters will consider such questions as: What is most important to remember about the Civil War? How have past generations gone about commemorating the conflict? What lessons can we take from the past? The conference will take place at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh 150 years after North Carolina delegates meeting in the State Capitol voted to take North Carolina out of the Union and align it with the Confederate States of America. Registration is $25, which will cover all lectures, morning refreshments, a boxed lunch, and a reception late Friday afternoon. For more information about other Archives and History programs taking place during the sesquicentennial, visit www.nccivilwar150.com.

• North Carolina Genealogical Society and Moore County Genealogical Society will present a workshop on Saturday, August 13, 2011, at the Hampton Inn of Southern Pines/Pinehurst, 200 Columbus Dr., Aberdeen, N. C. Entitled "Gathering, Organizing, and Sharing Your Family History," the workshop will include these lectures by Pamela Boyer Sayre: Where Do I Go From Here?, Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress, Digitizing Your Way to Organization, and Sharing Your Family History. For more information, go to the website: www.ncgenealogy.org .

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Census records abstracted by J. Albert Bass with family data added from his files.

___	1880 Wilson County, Black Creek Township	$32.00
___	1880 Wilson County, Crossroads Township	$22.00
___	1900 Wilson County, Spring Hill Township	$16.00
___	1850 Johnston County, District 9	$16.00
___	1850 Johnston County, District 10	$26.00
___	1860 Johnston County, East of the Neuse **NEW**	$23.00
___	1870 Johnston County, Bulah Township	$10.00
___	1850 Wayne County North of the Neuse	$65.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Davis District	$ 5.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Fork District	$ 5.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Nahunta District	$16.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Pikeville District	$ 5.00
___	1870 Wayne County, Holden Township	$10.00
___	1870 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$12.00
___	1880 Wayne County, Great Swamp Township	$14.00
___	1880 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$18.00
___	1900 Wayne County, Great Swamp Township	$ 6.00

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President's Message

We are now in the season of the Memorial Day and 4th of July celebrations when we honor our military and our country. Please remember the sacrifices that have been necessary to keep our freedoms.

We are also in the season of family reunions and vacations. Family reunions are a vital part of keeping the spirit of kinship alive as our extended families spread across the country. Don't let an opportunity pass to gather with your family to celebrate your heritage and renew your ties with your relatives.

Vacations are a good opportunity to make research trips. You can spend time with family asking questions and learning the oral history from the older members of your family. You can travel to libraries and archives to search through the records held there. The Wilson County Public Library has an extensive collection of material related to our heritage.

Use every opportunity that is available to you.

We do not meet in July & August. Upcoming programs:
September 27—J. "Jay" Arthur Evans, Mineral Rights
October 25—Doug Rader, Early Colonization Around Stantonsburg
November 29—Annual Meeting

Sue Evans Powell

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WCGS SOCIAL

Spring Arbor Sun Room
2045 Ward Boulevard
June 28, 6:30 PM

Please join us for an evening of fun and good food at our annual social. Bring with you a covered dish, a friend or spouse (if you would like), and one or more wrapped door prizes, which may be useful, fun, or genealogical in nature. (The monetary value is not important.) The plates, cups, napkins, utensils, and ice will be provided.

Use the entrance at the left end of the building (as you face the building from the street). The parking areas extend on around the building.

We will not meet again until Sept.

1836: STANTONSBURG CELEBRATES FOURTH OF JULY

"It's History," by Hugh B. Johnston

The Tarborough Press of July 16, 1836, described in some detail "The Celebration of the Fourth of July at Stantonsburg." The American flag was raised at sunrise. At noon all the active participants assembled at the Masonic Hall. Dr. John R. Dering read the Declaration of Independence, followed by the oration of Dr. John J. Daniel, the full text of which was printed in the newspaper. Lemuel Deberry served as president for the occasion and Isaac W. Horne as vice president.

At 2 p.m. "the company sat down to the table and partook of a dinner prepared for the occasion." Afterward 13 official toasts were proposed by Deberry, followed by the "voluntary toasts" of Lemuel Deberry, John R. Horne, Dr. J. J. Daniel, Thomas S. Burt, Joshua Barnes, Benjamin Bynum, Joab Horne, Joshua Wilkinson, Jesse Mercer, Nathan P. Daniel, William J. Armstrong, Isaac W. Horne, and a final toast by President Deberry. (Several names suggest an origin northward of Town Creek.)

ANDREW JACKSON MOORE

Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers of the United States

(Published in 1909, Reprinted in 1984)

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Moore, Elder A. J. This gifted and successful Primitive Baptist Minister is a native of North Carolina and resides at Whitakers. He was born January 18, 1837, educated at Wilson, Oxford, and the University of North Carolina; left college in 1861 to enter the Confederate service; at first joined the Orange Light Infantry and when this company was disbanded, he went home and organized a company in Pitt, Wilson and Green counties which did faithful service as Co. F in First Regiment until the war closed. Capt. Moore was wounded in a charge before Battery Wagener, August, 1863, was in hospital several months and afterwards sent home, where he was, January, 1864, married to Miss Elizabeth Farmer to whom he had been engaged for some years. Upon his recovery he returned to his post and proved a faithful, fearless officer until the fateful day at Appamattox. Capt. Moore, after being under conviction for sin about seven years, united with the church at Wilson, N. C., 1870, baptized by Elder R. D. Hart and ordained by Elders P. D. Gold and B. P. Pitt, December, 1873. The following clipping from the Gospel Messenger of 1907, written by Elder S. Hassell, gives a record of Elder Moore's life and labors. Elder Hassell says of him: "The most gifted and successful Primitive Baptist pastor that I know of in the United States was established in

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1897 NEWS ITEMS

Wilson Times

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Wilson Times, April 30, 1897

New School Building

The contract for the plans of the proposed new school building was awarded to the architects and contractors, D. J. Rose and Bro., and under their hands the work on the plans is rapidly being finished.

The school building, according to these plans, will have no superior in the state, and possibly no equal. It will be modern in every respect—heated by steam, lighted by electricity and completely sewered.

It will front 126 feet on Whitehead avenue and 121 feet on Lee St.

The tower will be 75 feet high, and the whole building will be of brick.

This building will surmount a slight hill and will be very convenient from the residential portion of the city.

There will be a large art room, a number of music rooms, seven regular class rooms, a principal's office, a large dining room and over thirty-two sleeping rooms.

A large auditorium, having a seating capacity of over 600, will be an annex to the main building. There will also be two commodious society halls.

In fact the building proposed would be an ornament to any city; and one of which the citizens of Wilson will be proud. Such an institution as this will be when Prof. Kinsey is at its head, will inspire admiration and patronage from abroad.

By undertaking and pushing such enterprises as this, the citizens of Wilson have made the name of their city the synonym for "business enterprise."

Wilson Times, May 14, 1897

WILSON'S BIG FIRE

$100,000 Goes Up in Smoke – Largest Prizehouse in the State Burned

Wilson has again suffered severely by fire. Last Saturday night about 12 o'clock the alarm was sounded and when our firemen repaired to the scene they found that the handsome brick and wood prizehouse, located near the cotton mills, belonging to Briggs and Flemming was in flames. Though they fought valiantly, it was soon seen that it was impossible to save the structure, and attention was turned to surrounding buildings. Soon the building collapsed and falling enveloped with flames the colored Episcopal church, a neat structure valued at $2,000. The heat was so intense that it was found impossible to save it and soon it succumbed to the flames. The prizehouse of Briggs and Flemming was the largest in the State, and a handsome structure, 50 feet wide and 160 feet long, towering six stories high. It was located on a hill and could be seen for quite a distance from Wilson. The proprietors had contracted for a complete steam plant to be put in June 15th next, and had nearly completed the necessary addition, 40x116 feet to accommodate it. The loss is heavy and will be close to $100,000. The main building cost, including fixtures $14,000, insurance on that was $8,000. Stock of tobacco on hand, including that sold and not delivered, all of which is a total loss, amounted to $80,000, insurance on same $68,000. New brick annex almost completed on which there was no insurance for steaming purposes cost about $2,000.

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MAJOR THEOPHILUS THOMAS, ESQUIRE REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOT OF NORTH CAROLINA

Hugh Buckner Johnston, Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, 1956

Contributed by Charles C. Lucas, Jr.

Theophilus Thomas was the youngest and perhaps the most prominent son of the Reverend John Thomas, Sr., and wife Christenater Roberts of Edgecombe County. He was born on March 8, 1739/40, O. S., probably on his father's original patent of 1741 (in the present Wilson County), where he died between September and October, 1803. He was not only wealthy and distinguished in his own right, but has had a host of distinguished descendants, such as Stephen Seymour Thomas whose portrait of President Woodrow Wilson hangs in the White House. Little is known of the early life of Theophilus Thomas, but he received the best local education and engaged in the study of Law. He was also mindful of his spiritual obligations and was an active Deacon of Tosneot Baptist Church by August 24, 1776, and it is interesting to note that the Church was not moved to its more central and convenient location until the year preceding his death.

He became a Justice of the Peace after the retirement of his father and served regularly as a Judge on the Bench of the Edgecombe County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions at Tarboro from August 26, 1778, to February 24, 1800, when failing health forced his own retirement from public life. He was also the Tax Collector in his District from May 24, 1780, until the year following May 23, 1793, it being then Captain Eason's (No. 6) District. The Minute Books of the County Court mention his election to the office of Sheriff of Edgecombe County on February 2, 1790, but he had so much trouble in collecting the taxes for 1789 that he declined to serve after February 11, 1791. On November 1, 1790, he had been able to pay the State Treasurer only £571/14/5 in cash and had not yet been able to redeem the certificates for the other £256/11/8.

The relations of Theophilus Thomas with the Edgecombe County Court give us considerable insight into the problem of keeping the bridges in repair. Between February 8 and October 24, 1787, he effected the repairs to the Lower Tosneot Bridge, on the road from Stantonsburg to Saratoga, and was paid 59/15/0 by the County Trustee. He, William Ellis, and James Stanton were directed to repair this bridge on August 28, 1794, and Jesse Rogers was paid £21 for the work on May 27, 1795. The same three men and Archelaus Barnes were asked to let the repairs to the "lowest undertaker" on May 28, 1798, and Theophilus Thomas was paid £25 for the job on February 26, 1799.

On November 29, 1798, Theophilus Thomas, Archelaus Barnes, and Willie Stanton "are appointed to lett to the lowest undertaker the saving & taking care of the plank & timber belonging to the Bridge across Contentney at Stanton's & report," and on the 26th of the following February, Willie Stanton was paid £6 by the County Trustee "for securing the old plank belonging to the Bridge over Contentney at his house." There must have been some heavy rains that summer, because on August 27, 1799, Theophilus Thomas and William Ellis, Esquires, were appointed Commissioners to act with the Commissioners from Wayne County in building a new bridge at Willie Stanton's and to make a report at the next meeting of the Court. This was the bridge now known as Stantonsburg Bridge.

On February 11, 1785, a committee was named "to lay off a Road leading from Tarborough to the ... upon Tosneot Bridge by the Meeting House, crossing the White Oak at or near Theophilus Thomas's into the road by Isaac Eason's to Martinborough, and that Theophilus Thomas, Esqr. attend the said Jury and is appointed Overseer of said Road." On November 9, 1785, Henry Robinson was made Overseer of the work of his own hands and those of Ephraim Barnes, Mary Thomas (widow of Jonathan Thomas), and Nathan Tart to "open the new Road leadg. across the White Oak swamp near Theophilus Thomas's, beginning at the Road near the Meeting House and to work thro' the sd. White Oak swamp."

On February 7, 1786, the hands of William Ellis and Henry Robertson were instructed to "make a Bridge over White Oak Swamp where the new Road Crosses near Theophilus Thomas's" under the direction of Theophilus Thomas and others. The latter was commissioned to build a bridge over White Oak Swamp on August 31, 1791, and was paid £26/15/0 for his work on November 27, 1792. Theophilus Thomas, Jacob Horn, William Amason, George Brownrigg, and Eli Amason were ordered to repair this bridge on May 27, 1800, and we find that his sons continued to participate in such activities in their community for many years after their father's death, before they sold out and moved South.

It is not known exactly when Theophilus Thomas became the Captain of a Militia Company of Edgecombe County, but he was actively engaged in the Revolutionary Period. In June, 1781, less than a month after the passage of the British Army under General Cornwallis through Wayne and Edgecombe Counties on his route to Virginia, Captain Thomas marched a Company of three-month draftees from lower Edgecombe County to the Town of Halifax, where some of his men were turned over to Captain Benjamin Coleman of the United States Continental Line for service against the Tories along the Cape Fear River. He seems to have been promoted to Second Major of the Edgecombe County Militia Regiment in 1785; and on January 4, 1787, the General Assembly of North Carolina approved the recommendation of Members Elisha Battle and Etheldred Phillips that he be appointed First Major, a Commission that he held until his resignation in 1795.

When William Attmore, a Philadelphia merchant, took tea at Richard Blackledge's home in Tarboro on December 23, 1787, he noted in his diary that a Colonel Thomas was one of the gentlemen present. Since

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we know that frequent business and social engagements required the presence of Major Theophilus Thomas at the County Seat, we have reason to believe that this was an early example of the polite Southern exaggeration of military titles. However, it should be noted that a Colonel Thomas was paid £16/10/0 for fifty-five bushels of corn (No. 20) and six head of cattle (No. 75) by the United States Comptroller's Office in Kingston (Kinston) after the Revolutionary War; and Green Hill, Treasurer of the Halifax Military District, paid a number of claims presented by Theophilus Thomas: £10/2/6 (No. 294), £160/0/0 (No. 49), and £23/12/6 (No. 254) in 1783.

Judge Thomas patented 3,068 acres of land from the State of North Carolina (including 150 in Wayne County), bought 1,360, and received 790 from his father, making a total of 5,218 acres, and at the time of his death possessed all of it excepting 1,250 acres, of which 1,100 had been deeded to two of his sons. The Edgecombe County Census of 1790 listed him with 8 males, 5 females, and 21 slaves in his family; and in 1800 there were 3 males 10/16, one male over 45, 2 females under 20, one female over forty-five, and 19 slaves. He also owned a tremendous amount of personal property of all sorts, which was listed partly in his nine-page will dated June 25 and probated on November 29, 1803, and more completely in the Inventory made by his sons Ichabod and Micajah Thomas and presented to the Edgecombe County Court in February of 1804.

About 1770 Judge Thomas had married Mary Rogers (October 12, 1756-March or April 1810), daughter of Thomas and Mary Rogers of Nash County. They had eleven children: (1) Obedience, November 29, 1771, married Elnathan Tart and later George Brownrigg, (2) Millicent, born April 28, 1773, married James Tart and later John Eason, (3) Ichabod, November 8, 1774, married Susannah Barnes, (4) Benjamin, April 16, 1778, married Mary Dickinson, (5) Theresa, April 25, 1780, married Enos Tart, (6) Tabitha, August 7, 1782, married Benjamin Simms, (7) Micajah, May 26, 1785, (8) John Rogers, September 20, 1787, married Mary Hooker, (9) Theophilus, Jr., May 25, 1790, (10) Elizabeth, November 17, 1793, married John B. Cobb, and (11) Nancy, August 1, 1797, married a Pope.

For his farming operations, Major Thomas employed the following implements: 2 scythes, 2 reap-hooks, pair of cart wheels, 4 plow frames, 4 cutters, 5 fluke hoes, 14 weeding hoes, 4 grubbing hoes, garden hoe, grid hoe, 2 steel traps, pair of iron traces, pair of leather traces, parcel of plow-gear, parcel of baskets, 2 pairs of horse-hames, 2 pairs of steel-yards, 2 cart saddles, parcel of horse bells; parcel of peas, beans, corn, and fodder; parcel of timber for cart wheels, etc., and a parcel of band buckles and bridle buckles. He must have had a considerable apple orchard to make use of an apple mill; still kettle, cap, and worm; 24 cider casks, brandy cask, rundlet, bung-borer, 2 wooden funnels, tin funnel, and a parcel of plank for making barrels. He had three full casks of cider on hand at the time of his death, and also a little over seven barrels of brandy, which seemingly represented a twelve-month supply for private and public entertainment.

The list of tools was even more impressive: 2 hand-saws, crosscut saw, whip-saw and box, 2 saw-sets, iron square and compass, 2 smoothing planes and irons, jack, 5 augurs, 2 gouges, 7 chisels, hand-vice, cooper's vice, cooper's adze, cooper's joiner and cross, carpenter's adze, 10 large axes, 4 small axes, pair of iron wedges, frow, caulking iron, screw plate, parcel of gimlets, set of blacksmith tools and bellows, set of shoemaker's tools, punch, saddler's hammer, saddler's crow-bar, parcel of iron and steel, 2 claw-hammers, glue pot, lathing axe, whetstone, 2 hones, bottle of train oil, joiner, joiner's saw, molding plane; parcel of nails, hinges, and locks; 2 drawing knives, 2 fleshing knives, currying knife and steel, and a "sear single."

The livestock consisted of 5 horses, a yoke of oxen, parcel of fowls, parcel of geese, 37 cattle, 34 sheep, 87 "fat hogs," 40 shoats, 14 sows with pigs, and 3 dry sows. The family were supplied with shoes and clothing from 10 sides of leather, 9 tanned sheep skins, a skin, parcel of wool, parcel of flax, parcel of cotton, linen-wheel, 2 woolen wheels, loom and gear, pair of warping bars and screen, flax-break, pair of tow-combs, and 2 pairs of sheep shears. The more personal things were 22 slaves (each called by name), £13/5/0 in cash, 2 pairs of spectacles, a parcel of books (not itemized), 3 razors with case and strop, 3 pairs of scissors, pocket-book, pair of money scales and weights, 2 shot guns, pair of shot-molds and ladle, parcel of fish hooks, 2 pairs of saddle bags and lock, 2 pairs of leather wallets, 4 saddles and bridles, and a parcel of shoe-buckles and knee-buckles.

Judge Thomas's furniture and furnishings were both handsome and varied, as might have been expected of a man of his substance and social standing. The main house contained a buffet with a parcel of glass and earthen ware, 3 pine tables, 17 flag-bottomed chairs, chest of drawers, 4 pine chests, walnut table, walnut writing desk, 2 looking-glasses, 6 bedsteads with feather beds and furnishings, 2 brass candlesticks, tin candlestick, set of curtains, 2 pairs of fire-dogs, 2 pairs of tongs and shovels, 4 inkstands, box of wafers, and 4 slates and pencils. If this does not compare with the elaborate Virginia inventories, the reader should remember that we are dealing with lower Edgecombe County at the end of the Eighteenth Century.

The kitchen and dining room were equipped with a pair of hand bellows, iron tea kettle, frying pan, 3 iron pots, 2 stew pots, brass skillet, iron skillet, tin coffee pot, gridiron, 3 pairs of pothooks, 2 bearers, Dutch oven, nutmeg grater, pepper box, brass spice-mortar and pestle, coffee mill, handmill, riddle, stone butter-pot, 6 jugs, 2 quart bottles, 5 small boxes, 2 knife-boxes, 17 open-headed stands, 5 small stands, 4 trays, corkscrew, lantern, 4 tubs, 4 pails, 2 piggins, 3 dishes, 6 tin basins, 7 pewter basins, 18 pewter plates, 9 large spoons, 8 teaspoons, set of 8 knives

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and forks, and a parcel of salt, alum, and brimstone.

The detailed will of Theophilus Thomas was witnessed by Eli Amason and Willie Barnes and began with an order to sell 800 acres on both sides of the road leading from Tarboro to Godwin's Bridge, at the head of Beaver Dam Branch and adjoining Enos Tart's line. The plantation tools such as axes, hoes, barrels, hogsheads, and timber were to be divided among his wife and sons Micajah, John, and Theophilus. The miscellaneous books were to be shared by his three sons and two youngest daughters. The four daughters who received five shillings each were Obedience Brownrigg, Millicent Eason, Treacy Tart, and Tabitha Simms. Of his older sons, Ichabod received two slaves and Benjamin only one.

Micajah Thomas was bequeathed a plantation of 640 acres on the road from Tarborough to Stanton's Bridge on Contentnea Creek, all the land from White Oak Swamp to "my back line on a branch of Little Contentnea Creek," 4 slaves, young sorrel mare, saddle, bridle, cow & calf, heifer, 3 ewes & lambs, 4 sows & pigs, feather bed, bedstead, and bedclothes, chest, smooth-bore gun, large pewter dish, large pewter basin, 6 new pewter plates, large brass candlestick, barrel of brandy, Iredell's "Revisal," all the "Acts of the Assembly," whip-saw, joiner stock, jack, smoothing plane, all plane irons, large hand-vice, 3 chairs, stew pot of "mixed mettle," small joiner's saw, and a pair of iron traces.

John Thomas (later a Baptist minister) received the plantation bought of James Barnes south of White Oak Swamp, another tract bounded by Barnes's Mill, the "old wolf pitt," John Amason, the Swamp, and David Woodard's line; 4 slaves, filly, black walnut table, small pine chest, barrel of brandy, cow & calf, heifer, 3 ewes & lambs, large brass candlestick, 3 chairs, saddle, bridle, 2 sows & pigs, saddlebags with lock and key, small set of firedogs, crosscut saw, and a small iron skillet.

Theophilus Thomas, Jr., got the land east of the road "as far as the Wolf pit" and adjoining his brother John, 3 slaves, sorrel filly, 2 sows & pigs, 3 ewes & lambs, saddle, bridle, feather bed, bedstead, and bedclothes, shot-moulds and ladle to melt lead, book entitled "The Young Man's Companion," and other property at his mother's death. Elizabeth Thomas heired 2 slaves, feather bed, bedstead, and bed-clothes, set of curtains, chest of drawers, saddle, and bridle; while her sister Nancy was given 2 slaves, feather bed, bedstead, and bed-clothes, set of curtains, saddle and bridle, walnut desk' and both were to share the household furniture after their mother's death.

The wife Mary had outright possession of 3 slaves, feather bed, bedstead, and furniture (bed clothes), set of curtains, 4 cows & calves, 10 sheep, flock of geese, sorrel mare, 5 sows & pigs, 10 two-year-old hogs, and 2 cattle, but only lifetime use of the home plantation, the land west of the road from White Oak Swamp to Micajah Thomas's, the still, cap, and worm, a large pine chest, buffet, 2 pine tables, large spice-mortar, brass skillet, 5 chairs, hunting gun, blacksmith tools, large iron potracks, 2 iron bearers, and the yoke of oxen.

Mary (x) Thomas made her own will in Edgecombe County on January 18, 1810, witnessed by James Barnes, John B. Cobb, and H. Haywood. She left five shillings each to her children Obedience Brownrigg, Millicent Simms, Treacy Tart, Tabitha Simms, Ichabod, and Benjamin. John, the executor, received a sow with pigs. The bequests to the other four children were as follows: (1) Micajah, walnut table, candlestand, and 2 sows & pigs, (2) Theophilus, sorrel horse, mule, the hogs, yoke of oxen, and 2 feather beds, (3) Elizabeth Cobb, the small mare and 6 chairs, and (4) Nancy Thomas, saddle, bridle, and $350 to school, board, and clothe her. On November 25, 1812, the Edgecombe County Court ordered James Barnes, Willie Barnes, Reddick Barnes, and Garrot Knight to divide the remainder of her estate among the lawful heirs.

Glossary

- Cooper's adze—variation, used by a cooper, of a tool which dates back to the Stone Age[1]
- Bung-borer—The stopper used to fill the opening in the bottom of a cask is called a bung. The borer may have been a tool used to make the hole or the stopper.[1]
- Flag bottom chairs—ladder back chairs made with a rush seat (InterAntiques.com and Old Sturbridge Village at www.osv.org)
- Gouge—a tool used by 1) a chair bodger (a wandering craftsman engaged in making the turned parts of chairs, especially the legs and stretchers of Windsor chairs); 2) a bowl turner; 3) a wood carver; 4) a carpenter[1]
- Martinboro—the city now known as Greenville, N. C., was incorporated in 1771 as Martinsborough, named for Josiah Martin (1737-86), the last royal governor of North Carolina, serving from 1771 to 1775. The name was changed in 1786 to Greensville in honor of Nathanial Greene (1742-86), Revolutionary general. With the passage of time the name came to be spelled as it is today.[3]
- Overseer—a Colonial official appointed to do one of any number of supervisory jobs, e.g. a road supervisor[1]
- Piggin—a wooden pail-shaped container which has a handle formed by continuing one of the staves abouve the rim.[1]
- Reap hook—a farmer's tool used in harvesting grain; a sickle[1]
- Riddle—a large, coarse sieve[1]
- Rundlet—1) a small keg; 2) a container which holds liquid equal to fifteen English gallons or eighteen United States gallons[1]
- Steelyards—a portable scale suspended horizontally from a hook or held in a person's hand. Also called a lever scale[1]
- Strop—a very common strap of polished leather used to put a final edge on a very sharp knife or straight razor by rubbing the blade to and fro against it.[2]

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WORLD WAR II DRAFT REGISTRATIONS (FOURTH REGISTRATION, a.k.a., "Old Man's Registration) APRIL 27, 1942

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Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

[Note: The original draft registration cards for North Carolina and several other southern states were destroyed several years ago before they were microfilmed. The persons included here were born in Wilson County and living in other states at the time of their registration.]

Brown, Epp Linwood	W	4/28/1878	305 S. Washington, Alexandria VA	Tel. TE 6694; contact, Mrs. Daisy Brown; employer, Washington & Old Dominion Railroad, Bluemont Junction, Arlington Co., VA; 5'9", 230 lbs.; blue eyes, brown black and gray hair; ruddy complexion; /s/ E.L. Brown
Brown, James	"Oriental"	9/9/1882	2173 Jefferson, Gary IN	Contact, Eliza Brown; employer, city garbage department; 5'11", 138 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ James Brown
Bryan, Frank Olive	W	10/14/1889	No established residence	Contact, Billboard Publishing Co., Cincinnati; own employ, "showman in transit at all times"; 5'9", 185 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; ruddy complexion; /s/ Frank O. Bryan
Bryant, Glaucus Alexander	W	8/26/1885	Welch, McDowell Co., WV	Contact, Mrs. Glaucus Alexander Bryant, Welch; self-employed; /s/ G.A Bryant
Bryant, Roscoe Floyd	---	6/20/1882	New Haven, Mason Co., WV	Tel. 35F3; contact, Mrs. Julia Bryant; self-employed; /s/ Dr. Roscoe Floyd Bryant
Bullock, Leonard Bunn	W	10/3/1891	111 Lakeside, Suffolk, Nansemond Co., VA	Tel. 451-W; born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. Ora Raper Bullock, Suffolk; employer, Sanders Brothers Co., Suffolk; 5'11 ½", 145 lbs.; brown eyes and hair; ruddy complexion; wears glasses; /s/ L.B. Bullock
Bunn, James O.	B	5/12/1895	231 W. 149 St., #4C, New York NY	Tel. Aud3-0256; contact, Nannie Bunn; employer, Charles Biondi, Nutley NJ; 5'4", 145 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ James O. Bunn
Bynum, Allen	W	5/16/1889	1708 Anne, Portsmouth VA	Tel. 1785; born Wilson County; contact, Virginia Bynum; employer, Atlantic Small Loan, Portsmouth; 5'6", 142 lbs.; brown eyes, bald with gray hair; light complexion; /s/ Allen Bynum
Bynum, Berry	---	3/28/1886	325 Second St., Rankin, Allegheny Co., PA	Contact, Samuel Bynum; employer, Carnegie Illinois Steel Co., Braddock PA; /s/ Berry Bynum
Bynum, Charley Augusta	B	1/16/1885	Scott, Lonoke Co., AR	Contact, Earl Bynum, Lonoke; farming for self; 5'4", 152 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; black complexion; /s/ C.A. Bynum
Bynum, Hilliard	B	1/6/1888	4550 Case Ave., Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., OH	Contact, Della Bynum; employer, WPA, Cleveland; 5'6", 160 lbs.; brown eyes, bald, dark brown complexion; /s/ Hilliard Bynum

Bynum, Hurel	B	2/7/1888	4731 S. Parkway, Chicago IL	Tel. Atlantic 4504; contact, John Chambers; employer, South Side Distributing Agency; 5'9 ½", 165 lbs.; brown eyes, bald with black hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ H. Bynum
Bynum, James Columbus	B	11/13/1878	Keo (Redwine), Lonoke Co., AR	Contact, Florence Bynum, Scott AR; self-employed farmer; 5'6", 138 lbs.; hazel eyes, gray hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ J.C. Bynum
Campbell, Aaron	B	12/25/1888	3746 Third Ave., Bronx NY	Contact, Mrs. Lucille Campbell, Bronx; employer, WPA, Veterans Hospital, Bronx; 6'1", 265 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; black complexion; /s/ Aaron Campbell
Capps, Carl W.	W	12/18/1896	7314 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk VA	Tel. 82400; contact, Mrs. Clara S. Capps, wife, Norfolk; employer, Virginia Engineering Co., Norfolk; 5'10", 180 lbs.; hazel eyes, brown hair; light complexion; /s/ C.W. Capps
Chancell, Lee	B	6/21/1892	Old T.B. Hawkins farm, Star Rt., Emporia, Greensville Co., VA	Contact, Sally Fair, Emporia; employer, Waverly Davis, Emporia; 6'1", 160 lbs., brown eyes, black hair; black complexion; /s/ Lee Chancell
Chester, Arthur	---	8/15/1888	640 W. Saratoga St., Baltimore MD	Born Wilson County; contact, Fannie Chester, Wilson NC; self-employed in junk business; /s/ Arthur Chester
Cobb, Frank Oser	W	8/1/1894	328 W. 17th St., Norfolk VA	Born Elm City NC; tel. 22720; contact, nephew W.R. Jones, Portsmouth VA; employer, B.F. Strawhand, Norfolk; 5'3", 122 lbs.; brown eyes and hair; light complexion; /s/ Frank O. Cobb
Cole, Sam Lindsay	W	5/20/1892	RFD 2, Franklin, Southampton Co., VA	Born Wilson County; contact and employer, G.W. Wade (on his farm), Franklin; 5'3", 150 lbs.; gray eyes and hair; dark complexion; /s/ Sam Cole
Coley, George	B	7/16/1895	149 Goffe St., New Haven CT	Tel. 7-0662; contact, Mary Martin; employer, Mrs. Griggs, restaurant, New Haven; 5'10 ½", 166 lbs.: brown eyes, gray hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ George Coley
Cone, Jimerson	B	6/9/1886	Off Hickory Road near Rudy's store, Chesterfield Co., VA	Contact, Cornelia Cone, wife, Ettrick VA; self-employed farmer; 6', 180 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; light brown complexion; /s/ Jimerson Cone
Cone, Milton	W	8/20/1884	4201 Seminary Ave., Richmond VA	Tel. 45824; contact, Mrs. Effie D. Cone, Richmond; employer, The Spotless Co., Inc., Richmond; 5'6", 165 lbs.; gray eyes, bald with gray hair; light complexion; wears glasses; /s/Milton Cone
Cone, Raymond Cornelius	B	11/16/1888	163 Morningside Ave., New York NY	Contact, Mrs. Lossie McCann, New York City; employer, Heard Memorial AME Church, New York City; 5'9", 169 lbs.; brown eyes, bald; light brown complexion; /s/ R.C. Cone
Conner, Thomas Frank	B	10/22/1880	810 S. Franklin, Blytheville, Mississippi Co., AR	Contact, Mary Conner, Blytheville; pastor, AME Church, Blytheville; brown eyes, gray hair; black complexion; /s/ Thomas Frank Conner

OBITUARIES NAMING THE DISEASE THAT CAUSED THE DEATH

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Wilson Times, May 29, 1896

MRS. ELVIN FLORA

A very sad death occurred near this city last Wednesday morning. Mr. Elvin Flora arose from his bed very early and went fishing, leaving his wife asleep and enjoying good health. When some member of the family went to awake her an hour after, it was found that she had reversed her position on the bed and that she was dead. She died of heart disease. The afflicted family have our tender sympathy.

Wilson Daily Times, January 17, 1914

WILLIAM A. GILL

Died This Morning

Mr. W. A. Gill, one of the splendid men of the county died this morning at a local hospital as the direct result of an attack of appendicitis. Mr. Gill was 65 years old and by reason of his many years of quiet, honest life has a large circle of intimate friends who join with the relatives in the sorrow. He was a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist church for many years. Mr. Gill leaves a wife and five children. Fourteen months ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never completely recovered. The funeral service will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the old home, two miles from Wilson.

Wilson Daily Times, November 29, 1916

MARY L. GILL

Mrs. W. A. Gill

The death of this good lady occurred about four o'clock this afternoon following an illness of three weeks. She was sixty years of age and left five children, four girls and one son, to mourn the departure of a loving Christian mother. Her hausband [sic] preceded her to the blessed beyond only a short while ago.

The children are as follows: Miss Sudie Gill, Mrs. Eli Garner of Elm City, Mrs. James Flowers of Elm City, Mr. Z. F. Gill and Miss Annie Gill.

The deceased was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

Elders Farmer and P. D. Gold will conduct the services from the residence on North Railroad street at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

[Editor's note: W. A. Gill, 27, was married to Mary E. Rogers, 19, both Wilson County residents, on Nov. 30, 1875, at Saratoga. The marriage was performed by A. J. Moore, M. G., and one of the witnesses was F. A. Rogers.

In 1880, William A. Gill, 32, farmer, and his wife Mary L., 23, lived in the Saratoga Township household of her father John A. Rodgers. Their children Susan F., 3; Mary E., 2; and Alice L., 11 months, lived with them.

In 1900, William A. Gill, b. May 1848, married 25 years, farmer; and his wife Mary L., b. June 1853, 7 births, 6 living children; lived in Wilson Township. Their children Susan F., b. Sept. 1876; Mary E., b. March 1878; Betsey E., b. April 1880; Zaccariah, b. Dec. 1886; and Delancy, b. Feb. 1891; and nephew John H., b. July 1877, lived with them.

On Dec. 28, 1898, John J. Wilkin, 25, Nash County resident, married Alice D. Gill, 19, at the home of W. H. [sic.] Gill, Wilson. The marriage was performed by J. D. Daws, J. P.

Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Boykin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census,* Boykin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe]

Zion's Landmark, April 1, 1895

ELIZABETH KIRBY

Sister Kirby was the daughter of Annie Nichols, and wife of brother W. B. Kirby, was 23 years old and died Jan. 1894 leaving 2 children. She [was] a member of the church at Contentnea, Wilson county, N. C. Her fatal sickness was Typhoid fever. She was a faithful church member, a kind mother, an obedient wife, and good neighbor. During her last sickness she said she had been to a delightful place, and was going home, and did not regret to die as her friends hated for her to go. Truly the day of one's death is better than the day of his birth, one who is born to sorrow, and dies to sin, who comes into a world of trouble, but is borne by angels unto a world of glory.

P. D. GOLD.

[Editor's note: W. B. Kirby, 24, married Elizabeth Nichols, 18, on Dec. 15, 1889, at Old Fields Township where they both resided.

Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Boykin]

Zion's Landmark, March 15, 1891

JOHN MEEKS

Died in Wilson Co., at his home near Upper Town Creek church of malarial fever and defects of the lungs. He was married to Lizzie Hicks, daughter of P. S. Hicks, March the 20th 1889. They lived together 20 months. He died on the 20th of November 1890. He did not belong to any church but was inclined to the Primitive Baptist. His faith was in Jesus and had hope of meeting him in praise in heaven. He was 31 years of age, and leaves no children. He was a man of good moral character, a good husband and a good neighbor and will be missed in his community.

P. S. H.

Wilson Daily Times, December 12 [?], 1913

MINNIE N. TAYLOR MOORE

Death of Mrs. C. E. Moore

During last night the spirit of Mrs. C. E. Moore left its tenement of clay and was wafted into realms of the eternal beyond, to her home in the skies.

Only a few days ago she was in apparent good health, and the attack of spinal meningitis which laid her low and was responsible for her demise was so severe that it resisted all efforts of medical skill and

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nursing to circumvent.

Her death is a severe shock to her devoted husband, Dr. C. E. Moore, one of Wilson's most prominent physicians, her children and a host of relatives and friends in this and other sections of the State.

Mrs. Moore was exceptionally kind in her makeup, a devoted wife, mother and neighbor, beloved by all who knew her. The deceased was a staunch member of the Episcopal church and demonstrated every Christian virtue in her walk and department.

Besides her husband the fellowing [sic.] children mourn the departure of a devoted mother, they are: Dr. Carl Moore, Miss Mabel Moore, Mr. Ernest Moore, Mrs. Harry Walls, Miss Mary Moore, and Mrs. Valentine of Richmond.

The funeral occurred at four o'clock this afternoon from the residence was conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. G. Prosperi and was attended by a large concourse of friends.

The active pall bearers were as follows: Doctors M. M. Saliba, B. S. Herring, Charles Best, Messrs. J. A. Corbett, Ernest Deans, H. G. Whitehead, John C. Lamb, S. H. Anderson, Wm. Woodard, Charles Gay and Dr. N. B. Herring.

The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. W. J. Davis, W. J. Boykin, Jonas Oettinger, E. G. Rawlings, J. B. Williams, T. A. Davis, J. M. Leath, E. A. Barden, R. H. Fulghum, J. C. Eagles, U. H. Cozart, Doctors I. W. Lamm, Wade Anderson, W. S. Anderson, J. O. Grady.

[Editor's notes: In 1900, Charlie Moore, b. June 1854, married 22 years, doctor; and his wife Minnie, b. Nov. 1858, 11 births, 9 living children; lived in Wilson Township. Their children Ernest, b. April 1879, clerk; Hilton, b. June 1881, corlector [sic.], Carl, b. April 1885; Clyde, b. March 1887; Elsy, b. Sept. 1889; Marry, b. May 1892; Mable, b. Nov. 1894; Charlie, b. Nov. 1896; and Jack, b. Feb. 1900; lived with them.

Minnie N. Taylor Moore, "Wife of Dr. C. E. Moore," b. Nov. 15, d. Dec. 15, 1913 [?], was buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson, N. C. Charles E. Moore, M. D., b. June 10, 1854, d. Feb. 12, 1941, was also buried in Maplewood Cemetery.
Wilson County, North Carolina Federal Census of 1900, Howell and Sharpe; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Howell]

Wilson Times, May 29, 1896

FRANK ROUNTREE PRIVETT

We regret the death of the young child of Mr. Albert Privett, which occurred last Sunday morning. The little one was 15 months old, and had been suffering with cholera infantum. The burial took place last Monday morning. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing parents.

[Editor's notes: Albert A. Privett, 22, and Lilly Smith, 22, were married on March 1, 1893, by Jno. E. White, Baptist minister. Frank Privett, b. Feb. 7, 1895, d. May 17, 1896, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery as were Albert Atlas Privette, b. 1870, d. Jan. 19, 1933, and Lillie Smith Privette (Mrs. A. A.), b. 1870, buried May 30, 1926.
Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Boykin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Howell]

Wilson Daily Times, March 27, 1917 (from Kinston Free Press)

JOHN TIMOTHY QUARLES
Mr. J. T. Quarles Died at Wilson Yesterday Morning

Mr. J. T. Quarles died yesterday morning a few minutes after 10 o'clock in a hospital in Wilson, where he was carried a week before, following several strokes of paralysis suffered by him at his sister's Mrs. S. H. Rountree's home in this city some weeks ago. He was stricken first while sitting at the dinner table and suffered two more strokes within 48 hours thereafter. The remains will be interred today at Wilson, former home of Mr. Quarles, and where two sisters live.

Mr. John Timothy Guarles [sic] was about 52 years of age and a native of Wilson county, a son of one of the county's most prominent families. He was widely read and was doubtless better versed in history than any other man in Kinston with his remarkable knowledge of the inside history of American politics from the foundation of the government. For many years he was a traveling salesman with a territory covering pretty nearly every sate [sic] in the union, and had been thrown with all classes of men. He was strong in his likes and dislikes and his friendships were bound as with chains of steel. Latterly he had been making his home with his sister, Mrs. S. H. Rountree, in this city and was for some time deputy clerk of the superior court. Always affable and courteous he readily made friends where he went. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. S. H. Rountree, of this city, Miss Callie Quarles and Mrs. Manning of Wilson and a brother.

[Editor's notes: In 1870, Sarah Quarles, 87, farmer, lived in Stantonsburg Township. Living with her were Susan, 15; Alexander, 13; Mary, 9; John, 7; and Caroline, 5.

In 1880, G. W. Quarles, 48, keeping house, lived on Green Street in Wilson Town. Her children Mary M., 19; Jno. F., 17, clerk in store; and Carrie E., 15; lived with her. Alex Quarles, 22, farm worker, lived in the Stantonsburg Township household of his aunt Zilla Edmundson.

In 1900, Sallie Qualls, born Nov. 1828; and her daughter Callie, born Feb. 1870, clerk; lived in Wilson Township.

Sue W. Quarles, 18, married T. H. Rountree, 23, Lenoir Co. resident, on Nov. 6, 1873, at Stantonsburg. Mary Qualls [sic.], 24, married W. L. Manning, 27, on Dec. 30, 1884, at the home of Mrs. Quall.
Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1870, Howell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census,* Boykin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Howell; Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* Boykin]

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the doctrine of God our Saviour before he had a hope in Christ; was wounded by a bullet in the elbow of his action, his devotion to right arm during the War between the States; and that arm has been bent almost at a right angle ever since; has had beautiful and wonderful visions in exact accordance with the Scriptures, and that have been fulfilled in his life; has been a farmer and a teacher; has reared one of the most gentle, upright, intelligent, and useful families of nine children to be found anywhere; is a fine gentleman of the old school; has served four churches every Saturday and Sunday, except one or two, for about thirty years, going on the trains and riding in his own conveyance from twenty to thirty miles; is a sweet singer; fervent in prayer; an excellent doctrinal, experimental, and practical preacher, speaking clearly, ably, fluently, and eloquently from the heart to the heart; is a burning and a shining light; a sheep-finder and sheep-feeder; a discerner of spirits; an able disciplinarian; is not afraid of the face of clay; but is bold to declare, in any presence, what he believes the Scriptures teach, and uncompromising in defense of the truth; is charming and liberal to his ministering brethren who visit him at his home and home church; preaches Christ nearly all the time both out of and in the pulpit, in the family circle, on the public and the private road, and everywhere; has built up more churches and, I believe, baptized more white members than any other Primitive Baptist preacher that I know of; is honored and admired by all who know him; has suffered great reproach and persecution on account of his indomitable stand for truth and righteousness; has been blessed of the Lord with health and strength; has one of the loveliest home churches on earth; has served his churches so constantly that he has made but few and short preaching tours away from them; has received very little financial help from his churches; has no confidence whatever in modern religious inventions; never sent any of this children to a Sunday school; has never held a protracted meeting, nor had an organ in one of his churches; depends upon the pure, sweet, old-fashioned gospel of Christ alone to attract the subjects of grace; has been my most intimate friend for about __tty years; and has been, for about thirty years, the beloved and faithful pastor of Kehukee Church, near Scotland Neck, Halifax County, N. C., the Mother Church of the Mother Association of the Primitive Baptist Associations of the United States. He is no hireling, but a true undershepherd who cares for all the flock, instead of scheming and laboring to get their fleece for himself; he is an eminently self-sacrificing and gracious and gifted and successful minister of Jesus Christ. He has been greatly blessed of the Lord, who has made him a great blessing to his family, his churches, his community, and the world, for which the Lord be praised. If all our ministers were like him, they would need no heathen or Jewish or modern religious inventions to maintain or increase the number of their members."

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So the proprietors will lose all told about $20,000. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to our enterprising townsmen in their heavy loss; but we are glad to learn they will rebuild in time for the new crop on a more extensive scale, and put in the latest and best system of re-drying tobacco artificially. The fire caught in the upper story. Cause unknown. Insurance on the colored church was $1,000.
Editor's note: prizehouse: "In tobacco-growing states of the southern United States, a structure that once housed a press (called a *prize*) for compacting cured tobacco leaves." [Source: McGraw-Hill Dictionary of Architecture & Construction. http://www.answers.com/topic/prize-house-1#ixzz1O8HXOyqf]

Wilson Times, May 21, 1897

Family Re-Union

Wilson was honored this week by the presence of Mr. J. T. Barron, of Columbia, S. C., one of the ablest lawyers in the South, and now General Counsel for the Coast Line railroads in South Carolina. He is also high up in Masonry, being Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest of that state. He was accompanied by his wife and came to be one of a pleasant family gathering on the birthday of his sister, Mrs. B. F. Briggs. Among other members of the party were the mothers of both Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Briggs. Mrs. Briggs is now in her 79th year. Mrs. Barron, who is in her 66th year, came fifteen miles from her home in Edgecombe county to be present at the re-union. Dr. and Miss Mattie Barron, uncle and sister of Mrs. B. F. Briggs were also present. They spent the day at the hotel receiving visits and congratulations. *The Times* wishes them all many such happy birth days.

Wilson Times, May 27, 1897

Around the Town

Mr. Spraul Lamm is having erected on the lot between Davis Bro.'s cotton office and Perry's saloon on Barnes street, a nice brick office. This building will be a great improvement to that part of the city.

The Henderson German Club extends an invitation to all members of the Wilson Cotillion Club to be present at a german to be held in Henderson, June 10th. This invitation is accepted with many thanks.

We are pleased to know that the scholarship to Chapel Hill obtained by Mr. Hugh Murray last year at the Graded School and which he was then unable to use, has been continued and Hugh will enter the University next Fall.

Last Tuesday there were two picnics from the city: the Presbyterian Sunday School, at Finch's mill, the Missionary Baptists at Wiggin's. On Wednesday the Methodists had theirs at Wiggins' mill. All report a delightful time.

Wednesday night at the residence of the bride's parents in Edgecombe county, Miss Mamie Lancaster was married to Mr. Ashby Wiggins. Elder P. D. Gold of this city officiated. This paper extends congratulations and best wishes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The Old Dobbs County Genealogy Society (Wayne County) will meet Saturday, July 16, 2011, 10:30 am, at the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C.

• Sheppard Library, Greenville, N. C., will present "Turpentine Drippings—Conversations about Local History" at the library July 17 & 24, 2011, from 2-5 pm. Roger Kammerer and Bill Kittrell will present the programs.

• North Carolina Genealogical Society and Moore County Genealogical Society will present a workshop on Saturday, August 13, 2011, at the Hampton Inn of Southern Pines/Pinehurst, 200 Columbus Dr., Aberdeen, N. C. Entitled "Gathering, Organizing, and Sharing Your Family History," the workshop will include these lectures by Pamela Boyer Sayre: Where Do I Go From Here?, Our National Treasure: The Library of Congress, Digitizing Your Way to Organization, and Sharing Your Family History. For more information, go to the website: www.ncgenealogy.org .

• The North Carolina Genealogical Society Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting will be held October 29, 2011, in Raleigh. Barbara Vines Little will be the speaker.

• The Trading Path Association has a collection of maps that you can access on their website: www.tradingpath.org .

(1897 News Items, continued from page 70)

The concert of the Tarboro Female Academy will be on the evening of June 4th. General admission 20 cents. Children 10 cents. These concerts are of a high order and the program on this occasion will be specially attractive.

Mr. Sprawls Lamm's new brick stables on the site previously occupied by the wooden stables on Goldsboro street, are rapidly nearing completion. Although only one story high this building will make nice commodious stables.

[Editor's note: "A new category of group dance swept the ballroom after 1840. Called 'cotillion' (also spelled 'cotillon'), the dance was also known as the 'German cotillion' and, eventually, as the 'German.'" Aldrich, Elizabeth. *Western Social Dance: Nineteenth Century Social Dance.* Washington, D.C., Library of Congress, 1998. http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/dihtml/diessay6.html]

MAY 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Sue Powell welcomed guests and members. The minutes were approved as printed in the last issue of *TREES*. Wanda Taylor gave the treasurer's report showing an income of $594.26 and expenses of $374.12. Data entry on the 2010 index is 70% complete and will be mailed upon completion.

Announcements were made. Those for which the date has not passed are listed below.

Our program was an open discussion of genealogical problems and dead ends with those present suggesting sources that might lead to further information.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM 1897

Wilson Daily Times, June 4, 1897

ART

Beautify your home with beautiful pictures. Miss E. H. Bartine in her Studio above Wells' store on Nash St., daily has a class of ladies who are learning to paint beautiful pictures with which they beautify their homes. All kinds of art, from penciling to crayoning and oil, including pastel work, portrait painting and china decorations, taught. Terms very reasonable.

(Theophilus Thomas, continued from page 65)

• Tow—Tow was the linen made of the shorter, less workable and less desirable light-colored fibers present after flax has been scutched (to crush and separate flax to be made into linen thread or cloth). Presumably a tow comb was used to straighten these fibers[2]

• Traces or harness—refers to the total equipment by which a horse (or other animal) is equipped to pull a load, e.g., "Typically, a complete harness could consist of the crown piece, front, blinkers, cheek strap, noseband, bit, sidecheek, throatlatch, reins, hames, collars, martingale, hame tug, bellyband, breeching, crupper, hipstraps, and a terret."[2]

• Wafers—a type of cake[1]

• Wedge (and feathers)—a tool used by a stone mason.[1]

1. *A to Zax, A Comprehensive Dictionary for Genealogists & Historians,* Barbara Jean Evans
2. *What Did They Mean by That? A Dictionary of Historical and Genealogical Terms Old and New,* Paul Drake, J.D.
3. *The North Carolina Gazetteer, A Dictionary of Tarheel Places,* William S. Powell

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___	1880 Wilson County, Crossroads Township	$22.00
___	1900 Wilson County, Spring Hill Township	$16.00
___	1850 Johnston County, District 9	$16.00
___	1850 Johnston County, District 10	$26.00
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___	1860 Wayne County, Fork District	$ 5.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Nahunta District	$16.00
___	1860 Wayne County, Pikeville District	$ 5.00
___	1870 Wayne County, Holden Township	$10.00
___	1870 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$12.00
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___	1880 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$18.00
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___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1880.	$40.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1900.	$40.00
___ Wilson County, North Carolina, Marriages, 1855-1899	$75.00
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Maps

___ Wilson County Historical Map	$5.00
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___ Town of Wilson, Map 1872	$5.00
___ Town of Wilson, Map 1882	$5.00
___ Wilson County Waterways	$5.00

Miscellaneous (tax and shipping included on these items only)

___ Cemetery Finder (paper) donation	$5.00
___ Wilson Co. Estates Inventory (paper) donation	$5.00
___ 2011 WCGS Calendar (early church photographs)	$8.00
___ Calendar Back Issues (2002 Rock Ridge area, 2003 Gardners Township, 2005 Elm City, 2006 Black Creek, 2007 Lucama, 2008, 2009, 2010 family photographs) (specify year) each at	$2.00

Payment and shipping: Shipping cost for each book is $5.00 ($10.00 for *Wilson County Marriages,* a set of two books). Shipping cost for maps is $5.00 for 1-4 items. Add 7.75% sales tax for NC residents on merchandise total (not on shipping).

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President's Message

Some of us use our vacations for research trips. On this page is a report written about a research trip to Wilson, N. C., and State Archives and the State Library in Raleigh, N. C. He describes the very beneficial information that he found in both places.

Those of us who live within an easy drive to Wilson and Raleigh are already aware of the treasure trove of information that can be found in the Wilson County Public Library (WCPL), State Archives and State Library. There are records to find in either place that can not be found in any other one place.

We have told you before about the family records compiled by Hugh B. Johnston which have been bound and shelved in WCPL. Other researchers have placed there copies of their own research.

Dr. Robert G. Horn is one of those. He contributed to WCGS copies of his books *William Horn of Nansemond, His Sons, and Their Children, A genealogic assessment of early Horn families of Colonial upper Eastern North Carolina;* and *Henry Horn, the Quaker, of Contentnea Creek.* These books contain excerpts from information that he collected on the family from various sources over a decade of his research efforts. The books were in turn given to the library for use by any Horn researchers.

We do not meet in July & August. Upcoming programs:
September 27—J. "Jay" Arthur Evans, Mineral Rights
October 25—Doug Rader, Early Colonization Around Stantonsburg.

Sue Evans Powell

MY RESEARCH TRIP IN NORTH CAROLINA

Dr. Robert G. Horn

I have done extensive research on a distant ancestor, Henry Horn, 1716 - 1797, who was probably born in Nansemond County, Virginia. He then lived near Rich Square, N. C., as a Quaker, then in the Rocky Mount, N. C., area, and finally, well documented, for at least the last 15 or 20 years of his life, he lived "south of Contentnea Creek." According to the text of his will and Wayne County records, at the time of his death, he was a resident of Wayne County, I think undoubtedly on property which is now in Wilson County.

I would very much like to identify more specifically the site or area where Henry Horn lived at the end of his life. Any hope of identifying a burial site for this man or any of his early descendants seems remote, but I would certainly be willing to search extensively if I had any indication of where to start.

[Editor's note: Your editor's response to Dr. Horn's query, told him about Hugh Johnston's research on the Horn family. Also, he was referred to Frank Thompson who has done considerable research in early land grants in the area south of Contentnea Creek. After several e-mail exchanges, he sent this message.]

This week I made a quick trip to NC. I will mention a few highlights

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BENNETT and B. C. PITT

Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers of the United States

(Published in 1909, Reprinted in 1984)

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Pitt, Elder Bennett, of North Carolina. This faithful and highly conscientious servant of God was born in Edgecombe County, N. C., about the beginning of the nineteenth century, lived in this county all his life and died there about twenty years ago. He was a member of Lower Town Creek, was advanced to the work of the gospel ministry in middle age and was an acceptable preacher and highly esteemed by his churches. Elder Pitt was possessed of many noble traits of character and lived the doctrine he preached to others. His departure was peaceful and triumphant.

B. C. PITT

Pitt, Elder B. C., son of Elder Bennett Pitt, was a native of Edgecombe County, N. C. He was a blameless, lovely man and a gifted preacher. His membership was at Lower Town Creek Church, convicted of sin in early life, united with the church and was soon set apart to the gospel ministry. He served churches in the Kehukee Association, but his health was poor and he passed away in middle life lamented and missed by the Baptists of his association. And the editor regrets that data for more extended sketches of the lives and labors of both Elder B. C. Pitt and his honored father could not be obtained.

[Editor's note: Bennett Pitt was bonded to marry Katura Mercer on Feb. 11, 1840. In 1850, Bennet P. Pitt, b. 1815, farmer; and Keturah, b. 1823, lived in Edgecombe

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STANTONSBURG TOWNSHIP

***Wilson Daily Times*, date not known**

"Looking Backward" by Hugh Johnston

Stantonsburg Township (No. 10) is bounded on the south by Wayne and Green Counties, on the west by Black Creek and Contentnea Creek, on the north by Wilson and Gardner's Townships, and on the east by Saratoga Township. It is crossed north to south by N. C. Highway 58 and the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. The Town and Stantonsburg School (No. 14) are in the southern part of the Township. Moyton derived its name from the big general store that Moye and Applewhite once operated east of Stantonsburg. Evansdale originated after 1905 on the Railroad and west of N. C. 58 in the northern end of the Township. It was named by D. S. H. Crocker, who had assisted the Railroad in obtaining the right-of-way between Wilson and Stantonsburg. One of the largest landowners in that community is William W. Graves, son of the late Dr. J. T. and Louisa Barnes Graves. She was the daughter of Edwin Barnes whose old home has been restored to much of its original condition and is the present residence of Ed Whitley.

[Editor's note: The home has been lost due to a fire since Mr. Johnston wrote this article.]

Over three hundred students are enrolled in Stantonsburg. There is a Baptist Church and a Methodist Church. The present population is in excess of six hundred persons. The peculiar location of Stantonsburg resulted in the building of a number of bridges across Contentnea Creek and Toisnot Swamp in its vicinity. The two best known are Stanton's Bridge (see my articles of June 12 and 14) and Ruffin's (Peacock's originally) Bridge (see my articles of April 3, June 23, 26, 30, and July 3). Woodard Bridge, on the road from Stantonsburg to Black Creek, was named for Elisha Woodard, Sr., whose plantation lay near-by and from whom most of the Woodards in Wilson County descend.

"The site on which it now stands," wrote Claire Powell, "was given by Mr. Henry Stanton in the year 1817, hence the name Stantonsburg. Mr. Stanton was the town's first mayor. At the time Stantonsburg was probably the most prominent business section in the county. Contentnea Creek on which the town is located was the leading factor. Cotton was sent down to Newbern [sic.] on flats and barges, and returning barges brought fertilizer and merchandise. It was also quite a market for tar, pitch, and turpentine." I might add that people living in what is now Wilson County, who did not get their store-bought commodities from the merchants who had established themselves in what is now Stantonsburg prior to 1800, had to go to Old Sparta or some more distant point reached by external commerce.

Chapter LX of the Private Acts passed by the General Assembly on December 23, 1817, was "An Act to incorporate the town of Stantonsburg in the county of Edgecombe." Its government was vested in Willie J. Stanton, James Eastwood, John Parker, Blake Little, James Dickinson, and Joshua Turnell, "The Commissioners of the town of Stantonsburg." Their duties were "to superintend the police of said town" and "to suppress all riotuous [sic.] and disorderly assemblies, especially on the sabbath day." Their taxing power could not exceed $.50 per pole and $.50 per $100.00 property valuation, which money was "for the payment of the town watch or patrol" or some

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other proper purpose.

The Commissioners were to meet at least once every three months, at the call of whomever was appointed Chairman, and any vacancy could filled by the appointment or election of another fit person. It was specified that each Commissioner had to take and subscribe to the following oath in the presence of a Justice of the Peace before entering upon the duties of the office: "I A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will faithfully perform the duties of a commissioner of the town of Stantonsburg, to the best of my ability and judgment, so help me God." The variation in the oath was allowed for the sake of the Quakers who then occupied an important place in the public and private life of that community.

Chapter CXLIV of the Private Laws ratified on January 8, 1828, consisted of "An Act to appoint additional commissioners for the town of Stantonsburg, in the County of Edgecombe," to have equal powers with the Commissioners already in office. They were Henry T Stanton, Patrick S. Cromwell, William Little, Benjamin Miller, and Frances Alexander. On March 1, 1873, there was a second "Act to Incorporate the Town of Stantonsburg in Wilson County," bounded by the properties of Lewis Cox, Edwin Barnes, Henry W. Thompson, Contentnea Creek, John A. Laws, the Tarboro Road, and the Black Creek Road. The new Commissioners were Dr. C. C. Peacock, H. M. Thompson, Lewis Cox, W. S. Dunn, and J. W. Peacock. Before the turn of the last Century, a disastrous fire destroyed much of the Town. It was reincorporated in 1909 with Henry E. Thompson as Mayor and Commissioners Paul Moore, H. O. Summerlin, and G. D. Eason. In 1943 the Mayor was R. B. Tapp and the Commissioners were J. W. Applewhite, N. P. Coley, W. W. Pittman, Wiley Shingleton, and L. F. Hales.

Foy's School is the first school in the Township of which I have any positive knowledge, although there must have been earlier ones of some variety or other. Dr. Foy (born on September 12, 1838) had made his first public appearance in Wilson. He received his A. M. from Bethany College in Virginia, his D. D. from the University of North Carolina, and his LL. D. from the University of Mississippi. On March 19, 1860, he married Kate Johnston Battle (born on August 22, 1842), daughter of the Reverend Amos Johnston Battle of Wilson. The Foys apparently settled and began their work in Stantonsburg in the Summer of 1863, since he advertised that his seventh session would begin on August 2, 1869. The school year at that time consisted of twenty weeks of intensive study, but I suspect that the students learned as much or even more than they do at the present day in nine months.

When the famous actress, Fanny Kemble (see my article of April 16th), passed through Stantonsburg in 1838, on her way to Waynesborough (Goldsboro), she was anything but impressed if we may judge by what she wrote: "Of the breakfast at this place no words can give any idea. There were plates of unutterable-looking things, which made one feel as if one would never swallow food again. There were some eggs, all begrimed with smoke, and powdered with cinders; some unbaked dough, cut into little lumps, by way of bread; and a white, hard substance, calling itself butter, which had an infinitely nearer resemblance to tallow. The mixture presented to us by way of tea was absolutely undrinkable; and when I begged for a glass of milk, they brought a tumbler covered with dust and dirt, full of such sour stuff that I was obliged to put it aside, after endeavoring to taste it. Thus refreshed we set forth again through the eternal pine-lands, on and on, the stall stems rising all round us for miles in dreary monotony, like a spell-land of dismal enchantment to wihch [*sic.*] there seemed no end ...."

Her biographer added: "Fanny never forgot that ride, or the blessed moment when daylight came, and a halt at a place called Stantonsborough. Not that Stantonsborough shared, by any means, the 'blessed' estate. It was just a halt, and a house, and not more. Here the gentlemen washed, all together, at an open-air table furnished with basins and one towel. And the ladies went into a room with a chair and a bench, a pitcher, a basin, and some soap — and no towel at all. And Fanny Butler managed to demoralize the whole potential town of Stantonsborough by demanding not only the wherewithal for drying her hands, but something that was clean, into the bargain." The only correction that I would suggest is that Stantonsburg was just a fraction larger than Miss Bobbe leads us to believe.

HISTORY OF STANTONSBURG SCHOOLS

A History of Stantonsburg, Circa 1780 to 2004

Compiled by Stantonsburg Historical Society

"... On September 7, 1818, James Stanton, Sr., deeded two acres of land adjoining 'Stantons or cross roads chappel' to Wiley J. Stanton, Blake Little and James D. Stanton of Edgecombe County and Henry J. G. Ruffin, Samuel Vines, James Eastwood, Thomas Speight and Seth Speight of Greene County for a sum of five pounds. The land was to revert to the Stantons once it was no longer used for school purposes. The original deed is in the possession of Joyner Stanton [now deceased] of Hartsville, South Carolina, a descendant of James Stanton.

Local tradition maintains that it was upon this site that Hopewell Academy, Stantonsburg's oldest documented school, and one of the oldest schools in what is now Wilson County, was established. On December 31, 1822, an act of the legislature was passed incorporating Hopewell Academy. The trustees named in the act include James Stanton, Elijah Price, Josiah R. Horn, Samuel Vines, Jesse Speight, Benjamin Miller and Henry T. Stanton. Very little is known about this school, its appearance or its duration. It was still in existence on January 9, 1828, for it was here that the North Carolina Temperance Society was organized. Dr. Josiah Horn, one of the academy's trustees, was elected president at the meeting and another local resident, Lemuel DeBerry, was elected secretary.

(To be continued in a future issue of Trees.)

1896 AND 1897 NEWS ITEMS

Wilson Times

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Wilson Daily Times, June 4, 1897

Mr. George Stronach's Letter

Morehead City, May 27th, 1897

EDITOR TIMES:

Dear sir: A few days ago at Cape Lookout there was captured a sea monster, known down here as a "Black Turtle" it was eight feet long and weighed 670 pounds. It passed Morehead City this morning on the train en route to Raleigh to be placed in the museum, where it will be on exhibition. This turtle was caught nine days ago and has lived ever since without anything to eat or drink.

About three miles from Morehead city, just outside the bar some men were in a small row boat and ran across a whale. Running up behind it they were able to get in reach with their harpoon, but striking a bone the harpoon did not go deep enough to open, and of course this made whale mad, causing it to go down on its head. It then struck at the boat, but fortunately missed it and unfortunately for one of the men, struck him hard enough to knock him down and dislocate one of his shoulders. The whale made its escape.

Mr. Arendal at Morehead caught in one of his nets which he had set very near the hotel, a "Tarpon" or "Silver King of the South." He is a perfect beauty, glittering like silver itself. Enclosed I send you one [of] its scales to show for itself. The tarpon is 4 feet 2 inches long and weighs 39 pounds.

Of course these sound very much like fish stories and especially coming from me, but I can prove about these things. Heard several talking tonight who said the turtle weighed more than I put it, but I got my news from a very good man.

Yours truly,
G. T. Stronach.

Wilson Times June 19, 1896

Lucama Letter

We are having a good deal of sickness just now in this vicinity; mostly dysentery and malarial fever, our physicians being kept very busy.

Miss Pauline Evans who has been visiting Dr. Crocker and family for several months, has just returned to her home in Columbia, S. C.

The crops are looking very fine in this section and the seasons have been favorable and the farmers seem to be very busily engaged in their farms.

Messrs. J. D. and Addie Boyett, K. H. and E. J. Barnes, Nora Bass, Willie Lucas, Johnnie Farrell, Sidney Bass, Barefoot, Tomlinson and Misses Polley and Ida Bass, are back from the Turlington Institute, Smithfield, N. C. where they have been pursuing a course of literary instruction.

We are sorry to hear of the accident happening to the little four year old daughter of Mr. John V. Mason on last Thursday. Mr. Mason and his wife were away from the house and the children were all at play. When they were alarmed by the screams of the children they hastily went to the house and upon their arrival they discovered the fact that one of the larger boys had chopped off two fingers of the little girl about four years old. The fore finger was cut off between the first and second joints, and the middle finger was cut off between the second joint and the joint articulating the finger with the hand. The boy was chopping with an ax when he cut his little sisters fingers off, she was at once carried to the nearest physician and her wounds were dressed and are doing well.

We regret very much to hear of the sad misfortune happening to the little four weeks old infant of Mr. and Mrs. James Wheeler's. On last Saturday night the little infant was sick and the parents gave it, as they thought, about four or five drops of paregoric, and it went to sleep and slept very sound all night, but on arising next morning they could not arouse the baby at all when the thought then occurred to them that they had given the child an over dose of paregoric. Realizing the fact that it was nearly gone and evidently suffering with opium poisoning, they at once sent for a physician, but it was too late as the poison had been in the system for about twelve hours before the physician was sent for, and the effects of the opiate in the system had remained too long to be counteracted and sustain the circulation and respiration, and the infant died at about 12 o'clock Sunday. The physician's opinion was that the paregoric had been poured into a bottle previously containing laudanum that had evaporated and left a residue of opium upon the bottom of the bottle, and that the paregoric had dissolved and taken up the opium making it very strong, similar to opium itself. The physician administered the chemical and physiological antidotes and did all in his power to save it, but it was too late.

Wilson Times, June 23, 1897

We were shown yesterday a copy of the Tarboro Press, now the Tarboro Southerner published in 1841. It is the property of Mr. B. F. Briggs and contains a notice of the death of this great-great-great grandmother. Mr. Briggs also has in his possion [sic] a book of psalms bought in 1760 by the great-great-grandfather of Mr. Briggs; and a prayer book given to Mr. Brigg's great-great-great grandmother, when she was ten years old.

Wilson Times, July 2, 1897

A Worthy Object

The ladies of St. Timothy's Guild will next Wednesday eve, from 8 to 11 o'clock serve refreshments to our town people and visitors on the court house green.

The prices are low, only 10 cents for cream. Cream and cake 15 cents. We bespeak a large attendance, for our people will be in condition to appreciate these good things after the heat and excitement of the day, besides the ladies of the Guild never do things by halves.

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METEORITE FELL IN CROSSROADS

***American Journal of Science, Volume 46,* Page 67 (1893)**

Written by Edwin E. Howell in Washington D.C. on June 13, 1893

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Contributed by John N. Hackney, Jr.

Last September I purchased from Mr. B. E. Barnes of Boyett[ej, N. C. (who secured it of the finder about three weeks after it fell), a small aerolite which is here figured. It fell in the early morning about 5:00, May 24, 1892, in the township of Cross Roads, Wilson County, N. C., and was seen by a young man named Gray Bass, who was only about 200 feet distant. He seems to have been frightened by the sight and sound and waited two or three hours before going to the spot. With a stick he then dug up the meteorite, which penetrated four or five inches into the packed, but sodded, earth close by a road bed. Young Bass also states that some of the grass near the spot was dead and looked as if killed by fire! He further says that he thought the meteorite came from the northwest. From the testimony of others who heard it, however, it seems undoubtedly to have come from exactly the opposite direction, having been heard as far away as 18 miles in a S. E. direction. Among those who heard it was a boy one-quarter of a mile to the southeast, Mieajoh Hales, four to six miles to the S. E. who describes the noise as "somewhat like thunder accompanied by lesser sounds like the report of pistols or the snapping of burning reeds." Another man, Edward S. Dees, distant five or six miles nearly south, wrote in answer to my inquiries, that one clear morning before sunrise sometime in May he was in the open field and heard a peculiar noise which lasted a quarter of a minute and sounded like "a freight train crossing to a trellis" - thought it came from the S. W. William B. Scott, about 18 miles to the S. E., writes that before sunrise on the 24th of May he and a neighbor heard a noise "something like a skyrocket, but more like thunder, which went off in a northern direction."

Mr. Barnes sent the stone first to the National Museum [The Smithsonian] and a fragment weighing 4.5 grams was broken off. With the exception of this piece nothing has been taken from it since it was picked up; several small chips, however, were broken off before it reached the ground and the broken surface partly crusted again. It now weighs 157 grams and would probably have weighed about 200 grams, if it had reached the earth unbroken.

The thick, even crust coating the meteorite indicates that it was a complete individual and not one of a shower. The freshly broken surface is of the usual grey color and the structure is chondrotic. The dimensions of the stone are 1, 2, and 2.5 inches. The specific gravity is 3.67, which is somewhat greater than most meteorites of this class, indicating a little more iron. [("Wilson's Heritage") Editor's note: As of 2007 the 4.5 gram piece described above from Wilson County's 1892 meteorite, along with another 3.0 gram piece discovered later, were still held in the collection of the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History.]

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The young ladies have kindly consented to wait on the tables. The proceeds will be devoted to church improvement. All go.

Wilson Times, July 16, 1897

Confederate Reunion

To-morrow, Saturday, July 17, Company H. 7th Confederate Calvary will hold their third annual reunion in a grove in the northern part of the city, near the new school building. At the beginning of the war this company numbered about 150 men. Of these about thirty survive, and it is hoped that all may be able to be there to meet together and over, the barbecue, refight their battles and recite the adventures of war. The picnic will be under the management of Mr. John R. Moore, and all may expect a good time for it will be a success.

Wilson Times, July 30, 1897

Remarkable

The negro girl-preacher, Cleretto Nora Avery, who has created so much interest in the city, left Monday. The crowds she attracted to her discourses were large—many white people attending. Friday afternoon she preached to a large congregation in the white Methodist church here, and her sermon on that occasion elicited many favorable comments.
She is a mulatto, claiming to be only eleven years old, yet can read fluently and speaks to her large audiences with no hesitation. Her father was a preacher and she claims that his mantle of inspiration has fallen upon her.

Wilson Times, August 13, 1897

Wilbanks Letter

Aug. 10, 1897

TO THE EDITORS OF WILSON TIMES:

Mr. J. R. Wiggins is very sick and continues to grow worse.

Mr. Richard Baker of Gardners, was sent to the Asylum at Raleigh, some time ago; the cause of his insanity is thought to be bad health. His people have heard from him, and he does not improve any.

[Editor's note: Wilbanks, a community in eastern Wilson County along present highway 42, was named for William L. Banks. Wilbanks was a post office site from 1895-1906.
Gazetteer of Wilson County, Hugh B. Johnston]

Wilson Times, August 27,

THOMAS EATMAN-LUCY WILSHITE UNION

Last Saturday afternoon, Mr. Thomas Eatman and Miss Lucy Wilshite, both of Nash county, "each happened" to come to town and on seeing each other came to the conclusion that then and there was the

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WORLD WAR II DRAFT REGISTRATIONS (FOURTH REGISTRATION, a.k.a., "Old Man's Registration) APRIL 27, 1942

Database: Ancestry.com. U. S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 [database on-line] Original data: United States Selective Service System, Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II: Fourth Registration. National Archives and Records Administration

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

[Note: The original draft registration cards for North Carolina and several other southern states were destroyed several years ago before they were microfilmed. The persons included here were born in Wilson County and living in other states at the time of their registration.]

Name	Race	DOB	Residence	Notes
Cook, Oscar	B	10/23/1895	Reevytown, Shrewesbury, Monmouth Co., NJ	Contact, Mary Cook; employer, WPA, Fort Hancock, NJ; 5'5", 140 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ Oscar Cook
Cooper, Willie	B	9/10/1884	508 Pine St., Norfolk VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Dr. Eugene Sumner, Norfolk; employer, Reliance Fertilizer Co., Norfolk; 5'6", 152 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ Willie Cooper
Cooper, Sidney Watson	B	9/20/1879	Rt. 2, Box 180, Pine Bluff, Jefferson Co., AR	Contact, Anna Cooper, Pine Bluff; self-employed; 5'4", 115 lbs.; black eyes and hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ Sidney Watson Cooper
Coppedge, William McKingley	---	6/7/1891	1819 N. 17th St., Philadelphia PA	Tel. Ste 5264; contact, Mrs. Lena A. Coppedge, wife; employer, City of Philadelphia, Bureau of Police; /s/ William M. Coppedge
Cousins, John Thomas	W	7/30/1892	823 Duke St., then 208 Graydon Ave., Norfolk VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Arthur Cousins, Elm City NC; employer, Price's Inc., Norfolk; 5'6", 192 lbs.; hazel eyes, gray hair; ruddy complexion; /s/ John T. Cousins
Cousins, Lee Roy	W	7/23/1894	314 N. 24th St., Richmond VA	Contact, Mrs. Zellian Cousins, Richmond; unemployed; 5'9 ½", 132 lbs.; gray eyes, black hair; dark complexion; /s/ Lee Roy Cousins
Croom, John W.	---	9/1/1885	819 Fuller St., Philadelphia PA	Contact, Agnes Croom, wife; employer, Jeannes Hospital, Philadlephia; /s/ John W. Croom
Crummel, Turner	B	3/15/1889	704 ½ E. Leigh St., Richmond VA	Contact, Hattie Jackson, Richmond; employer, Richmond Firing Co.; 6', 174 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ Turner Crummel
Curlin, Forrest Butt	W	11/16/1894	1341 Farmer St., Petersburg VA	Contact, J.E. Curlin, Wilson NC; employer, Triangle Construction Co., Camp Butner, Durham NC; 5'10", 135 lbs.; blue eyes, black hair; dark complexion; /s/ F.B. Curlin

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Generally, names listed in the index will be as they appear on the page; however, some assumptions were made in obvious cases (such as "Sallie, wife of Jesse Smith" was indexed as Sallie Smith). Where maiden or previous surnames were given, they appear in the index in parenthesis. In addition, these women will be found indexed by their maiden and/or former surnames.

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No one, including me, has yet been able to find a will for Colonel William, and I know of no one who has previously appreciated the fact documented in the Court Minutes, that Colonel William died in 1800 or shortly before. Of course, the key to my finding this information was the abundant Horn papers in the Hugh B. Johnston collection.

In the late 1790's the Colonel was apparently a vigorous young man in his early sixties, with two young sons by his fourth wife. Only a couple of years earlier, in 1796, the Colonel and Sarah had been given a large tract of land on the Cumberland river, just north of Nashville [Tennessee], a gift from Sarah's stepfather. I can only imagine the family foresaw a bright future across the mountains in Tennessee.

The Colonel's daughter, Milberry, married to a well to do Joseph Phillips, had recently moved from N. C. to the Nashville area, and they had a large property and accommodations just east of Nashville. The Colonel's son, Josiah, would come to Montgomery County in late 1799 and purchase land on the Cumberland River on 1 January 1800, along with his family and others, including his aunt, Mourning, the Colonel's young sister and her family.

Unfortunately, it seems, the Colonel never apparently arrived in Tennessee, if he ever started.

The Colonel and his family received the gift of land in Tennessee in 1796. In 1797, in March, he was involved in a legal dispute in a Nash County court, in which the ownership of a property was in dispute among the Colonel, a brother, and their father. At the same time a friend of the Colonel had traveled to Tennessee and registered the deed to the Colonel's property in Davidson County, TN.

I am aware of no documentation of the presence or existence of the Colonel between March of 1797 and the reference to his death in the Franklin County, N. C., courts records in September of 1800.

I speculate that the Colonel, possibly even with his family, started on the trek to Tennessee, and I further speculate that he may have died during the course of that journey. His wife's presence in Franklin County, NC, in 1800 is probably related to the fact that, of her two grown young daughters by Hilliard, one was married to William Green, Jr., and the other would shortly thereafter marry Thomas Christmas, both citizens of Franklin County at the time of the execution of the court document in September of 1800. Perhaps after the Colonel died or disappeared, Sarah Horn, the young widow, moved to Franklin County in relation to her daughters' interests there.

I was also able to make great progress in defining the probable area "south of Contentnea Creek" where Henry Horn the Quaker, the Colonel's father, lived for the last 35 or forty years of his life, from about 1760 to 1797.

On Wednesday afternoon I went to the Genealogy Room of the Wilson County Library, where I was warmly greeted by Rusty Rains. I checked out the Hugh B. Johnston Horn family book and looked around thoroughly at the shelves and elsewhere.

Early on I asked to see a copy the book, *Wilson County's Founding Families*. There in the first part of the book, near the bottom of page 13, in the first sentence of the last paragraph, I read the following: "Beginning at Horn's bridge on Contentnea Creek run the quaker road to...", providing me a pretty strong clue that the bridge on Quaker road where it crosses Contentnea Creek is likely to be near the place where my remote greatgrandfather, Henry Horn, the Quaker, probably lived.

I could find no more precise data at the Wilson County library, but I felt that this information would be a big help, with Frank Thompson's experience, to look for other evidence which might support this location as near Henry's property.

On Thursday morning, I went to the Genealogy Library at Raleigh, and was greeted warmly and very helpfully by Joy McGee Heit.... After spending a good deal of time in the shelves, I came across an amazing resource, a Garland P. Stout map of Wilson County, with extensive documentation of place-names and associated people. I will not go into more detail here, but there are a number of notations in that map and the associated manual that suggest that Henry Horn, Sr., in the last half of the 1700's operated a mill adjacent to Contentnea Creek, just south of Horn's bridge.

BARNES RESEARCH PUBLISHED

Joan L. Howell, a Barnes researcher, was given Hugh B. Johnston's Barnes family research before his death. Among those records were typed narratives of those members of the family that he had researched extensively. Ms. Howell has typed and organized these studies into alphabetical order and fully indexed the names. She also included the extensive study, "Which Edward Barnes Was the Son of James, Isle of Wight County, Virginia," by Margaret Van Ness Nelson, Barbara Barnes Monroe and Carol LaPorte, included in *Trees of Wilson,* March 2000. This study disputes the previously accepted ancestry of Edward Barnes of Edgecombe County and throws the local Barnes line of descent from Virginia into question. The book contains 179 pages and will have perfect binding. *Barnes Narratives* will be available for $12.00 plus tax and $5.00 shipping and handling.

Ms. Howell has also given to WCGS the results of a census study that she compiled, *Thataway, Barnes Individuals Born in North Carolina Who Moved Elsewhere.* She extracted from the 1860, 1870, and 1880 census records of other states, the white Barnes families with an individual who gave his or her birth place as N. C. This indexed document of 63 pages, in spreadsheet format, will be printed and available upon request for $6.00 plus tax and $5.00 shipping.

OBITUARIES NAMING THE DISEASE THAT CAUSED THE DEATH

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Wilson Times, June 11, 1897

JAMES F. ABRAMS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. F. Abrams which occurred at his home about three miles from this city last Friday afternoon. For over a year Mr. Abrams has been an invalid from that always fatal disease, consumption, and his friends had for a long time dispaired his ever recovering and so on Friday he peacefully and quietly entered into rest. The deceased leaves a wife but no children. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and died in a full assurance of faith. His remains were buried on Saturday. To his widow, we extend sympathy in her loneliness.

[Editor's note: In the Wilson County 1880 Census, James F. Abrams, 30, carpenter; and his wife Sophie, 23, were listed as living in Toisnot Town.

James F. Abrams, b. Sep. 1, 1849, d. June 6, 1897, and Sophia A. Abrams, b. Apr. 12, 1859, d. Sep. 11, 1897, "Wife of James F. Abrams," were buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C.
Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census, J. Robert Boykin, III; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries—Volume IV,* Joan L. Howell]

Wilson Times, June 11, 1897

NANCY ROUNTREE BARDIN

A Sad Death

Last Sunday, Mrs. B. H. Bardin, the mother of our efficient Clerk of the Superior Court, J. D. Bardin, left here for Rocky Mount to visit her daughter. She was then apparently in good health. On Tuesday the sad news was received here that she had died suddenly of heart failure.

Mrs. Bardin was well known in this city, being a member of the large Rountree family of this county.

Before her marriage to Mr. B. H. Bardin, she was a Miss Nancy Rountree.

The deceased was 65 years old and leaves three children, one son, Mr. J. D. Bardin and two daughters.

She was for a long time, since 1873, a faithful, beloved and worthy member of the Primitive Baptist Church in this city. The funeral services were held from that church on Wednesday, and were conducted by Elders Wm. Woodard and P. D. Gold. The remains were interred in Maplewood Cemetery. To her sorrowing relatives—those who knew and loved her—we extend sympathy in this, their sad hour of sore bereavement.

[Editor's Note: Nancy Rountree Bardin, b. 1833, d. 1897; and B. H. Bardin, b. 1826, d. 1890, were buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

In the 1880 Wilson County Census, B. H. Bardin, 55, deputy sheriff, and his wife Nancy, 46, lived on Tarboro Street in the town of Wilson. Their son Jefferson, 19, sign painter; and daughters Sallie, 15; N. L., 15; and S. P., 11; lived with them.

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Wilson Times, July 30, 1897

JAMES A. C. CURLIN

Died

Mr. J. A. C. Cullin (sic.) died at his home in this city last Saturday at 3:30. He was seen on the streets at noon, but later was attacked with heart dropsy which proved fatal.

Mr. Cullin was fifty-four years of age and was known here by a large number of people. A number of years ago he moved here from Norfolk with his wife, who was the mother of Mr. Ed Wilson. This lady dying about ten years ago, about five years ago he married Miss Jane Farmer, daughter of Mr. Isaac Farmer, who together with three children survive their husband and father.

For years Mr. Cullin has been an excellent woodworkman, at one time having charge of the Jno T. Barnes planing mills.

His many friends unite with us in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

[Editor's notes: James Curlin, 45, married Jane Farmer, 25, on June 26, 1892, at the Town of Wilson. W. H. Cobb, Minister Gospel, performed the marriage which was witnessed by Olivia Ellis, Rillie E. Farmer and Elizabeth Bryant. Rulie E. Farmer, 28, married Luther Swank, 43, on Feb. 17, 1896, at the Wilson residence of J. W. Farmer. D. W. Davis, Min. Church of Christ, performed the marriage witnessed by B. T. Amerson, W. P. Wootten, and C. H. Miller.

In the Wilson County 1900 Census, Sarah J. Curlin, born Jan. 1866, widow, dressmaker, 3 births all living, was listed in the Wilson Township household of her mother Rebecca Farmer, born May 1837, widow, dressmaker. Also living in the household were grandsons James E. Curlin, born June 1893; Forest B., born Nov. 1894; and William N., born Jan. 1897; daughter Rillie E. Swank, married 4 years, dress maker, 1 birth; and Luther Swank, her son, born Nov. 1896, father born in Va. Luther Swank (Sr.) was not listed in this census.

James Curlin, Corp. "Co. I 61 VA Inf C. S. A.," was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. Also buried there were:

Sarah Jane Farmer Curlin, b. Jan. 12, 1866, d. Sep. 7, 1952.

Forest B. Curlin, b. Nov 16, 1894, d. Feb. 23, 1958

Willie N. Curlin, b. Jan. 14, 1897, d. Feb. 13, 1901, "Son of J. E. & Sarah Curlin"

Beatrice P. Curlin, b. Aug. 13, 1918, d. Jan. 9, 1919, "Dau. Of F. B. & Pattie Curlin"

Rillie E. Swank, b. Feb. 11, 1868, d. Jan 5, 1955, in Hampton, Va.

Buried in another section of Maplewood Cemetery were James E. Curlin, b. June 15, 1893, d. Mar. 21,

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Wilson Times, June 23, 1897

MRS SPENCER DANIEL

A very sad death occurred last Monday morning near this city. Mrs. Spencer Daniel after a painful and lingering illness subcumbed [sic] at last to that dreadful disease—consumption. She leaves a devoted husband and two little children who are first needing a mother care. To the remaining one we extend sympathy.

[Editor's Note: She may have been Penelope T. Daniel, who was buried in Winstead Cemetery, which is surrounded by the parking lot of Wilson Mall. Her marker states that she was b. Jan. 11, 1867, d. Apr. 18, 1897, "Wife of Spencer B. Daniel.

Spencer B. Daniel, b. Jan. 27, 1855, d. Aug. 1, 1910, "Husband of Penelope T." was also buried in this cemetery. His marker was a double with Penelope T. Also buried in this cemetery were Edith P Daniel, b. Apr. 9, 1851, d. July 2, 1881, "Wife of Spencer B. Daniel;" and Cordelies Daniel, b. May 27, 1865, d. Jan. 10, 1887, "Wife of S. B. Daniel" "Mother of Glenn Daniel Farmer."

Spencer B. Daniel, 24, married Edith Perry, on Nov. 5, 1880, at the home of Thos. Perry.

In the 1900 Wilson County Census, Spencer B. Daniel, born Jan. 1855, widower, farmer, lived in Wilson Township. His children Naomi, born Sep 1886; Lean S., born Oct. 1892; and Lillian F., born Apr. 1894; lived with him.
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Wilson Times, August 6, 1897

GEORGE WASHINGTON DEW

Mr. G. Wash Dew died at his home near this city yesterday morning of congestion of the brain.

He was stricken Sunday and never recovered. For several years Mr. Dew has been in poor health, but this news of his death was unexpected.

The deceased leaves several children,—a number of them grown.

Lack of time prevents our getting the detals [sic] of his life, but he was well known throughout the county and counted his friends by the score.

To the sorrowing family and large number of relatives, our sympathy is extended.

[Editor's notes: George Washington Dew married first to Unity Ellis, daughter of Hickman and Queen Esther Sharpe Ellis. Their first child Minnie, age 8 months, was listed with them in the 1870 Wilson County census. Unity died March 14, 1871, giving birth to a daughter named Unity. George W. Dew, son of Larry and Nancy Dew, married Dora Rountree, daughter of Jonathan and Malvina Rountree, on March 28, 1872, at the home of Malvina Rountree.

In 1880, George W. Dew, 36, farmer; and his wife Isadore, 27; lived south of Plank Road, Nash Street, Nash Road, in Wilson Township. Their children Minnie, 11; Lizzie R., 7; George W. J., 4; George's sister Nancy, 33; and nephew Stephen J. Peel, 17, farmer; lived with them.
Wilson County's Founding Families, Sue Evans Powell and Henry Powell]

Wilson Times, October 8, 1897

JOHN DURFEY

DEAD

Last Tuesday night at 10:20 o'clock John Durfey the little three month's old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Durfey died of malarial fever at the home of its parents in this city. The sorrowing parents have lost six little ones and little Johnnie's health had been so good from the first that they had hoped for it a long life, in this death they are peculiarly stricken.

The remains were interred in Goldsboro on Saturday. THE TIMES extends sympathy.

Wilson Times, June 25, 1897

M. E. PASCHALL FARMER

DIED

The death of an infant in all its beautiful innocence is a sad one, the death of one having attained their three score and ten is sadder, but the death of a young man, a young husband in the prime of his life is still sadder, yet there is a death the saddest of all, the death of a young wife, leaving a baby just budding into childhood and needing the watchful care of a fond mother. Such a death as this latter occurred in this city last Saturday and darkened a happy home.

Mrs. G. W. Farmer, the daughter of Mr. And Mrs. J. B. Paschall, has been sick for a long time of dyspepsia and died last Saturday. She was only 19 years old and has been married about two years, leaving a little boy. The remains were interred Sunday afternoon in beautiful Maplewood.

Mrs. Farmer was a member of the Methodist church and her resignation to death was a great consolation to her parents.

These latter wish to return thanks to the friends who so kindly assisted during the sickness and death.

To those bereaved, we extend sympathy.

[Editor's note: George W. Farmer, 22, married M. E. Paschall, 18, on Nov. 7, 1894, at the M. E. Church, Black Creek.
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Wilson Times, May 14, 1897

L. H. FULCHER

Mr. L. H. Fulcher, a well known and respected citizen, died at his home in this city last Tuesday afternoon. The deceased has long been a sufferer from Brights disease, and some time ago his condition was considered so precarious, that his only child, a daughter who was at school in Greensboro, was sent for. Since then he had rallied, but on Tuesday last succumbed.

Mr. Fulcher was a native of Beaufort county but has been a citizen of this city for over twenty years. He was well known in and about the city, being at one time a prosperous merchant here.

To the bereaved our sympathy is extended.

[Editor's notes: L. H. Fulcher, 28, married Mollie B. Young, 18, on May 1, 1878, at Wilson. C. C. Dodson, Min. performed the marriage which was witnessed by R. T. Fulghum, Theo Hobgood, and N. J. Briggs.

Charles C. Cobb, 35, married Maude B. Fulcher, 18, on July 18, 1898, at the residence of J. T. Wiggins. J. B. Hurley, Min., M. E. Church South, performed the marriage which was witnessed by J. T. McCram, E. F. Young, and G. T. Stronach.

In 1880, L. H. Fulcher, 30, merchant; and his wife M. B., 19, born in Va., lived with her parents J. T. S. Young, 52, keeping hotel; and M. E., 49, both born in Va. Also living in the Young household were his son C. A., 26, born in Va., daughter-in-law Ella, 19, born in N. C.; sons Taylor, 21, clerk in dry goods store; Willie, 18, clerk in store; Ernest, 10; and daughter Myrtie, 15. All of the Young children were born in Va.

Mollie B. Fulcher, b. Apr. 27, 1860, d. July 28, 1881, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Her inscription reads, "Sacred to the memory of Mollie B. Wife of L. H. Fulcher and Dau. of J. T. S. and Mary E. Young" "And now secure from sickness, paid, and all the ills that life endures. Its toils and cares all ended, the golden harvest garnered, she rests in peace. For in her hand she bore the key of faith with which to open the pearly gates of blessed immortality. Kind, true, gentle and faithful, she filled woman's holiest mission and made home happy."

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Wilson Times, August 6, 1897

MARTHA GRIFFIN

DIED

Miss Martha Griffin, aged 59 years died at her home in this city last Sunday. She was a native of Nash county, but has resided here some time. The immediate cause of her death was heart failure, of which she has long been a sufferer. The remains were intered [sic.] in Maplewood last Monday.

[Editor's notes: No marker in Maplewood Cemetery.]

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best time to get married. They repaired to the home of Elder P. D. Gold, who on being telephoned for, hastily came from the home of a friend and performed the ceremony. It was noticed that the license had been purchased on Feb. 20th '97. The happy couple left beaming with smiles and were afterward seen driving out of town going on their way rejoicing to their home near Tallot.

[Editor's note: Talbot, a community in north western Wilson County, was a post office site beginning in 1892 but later moved. Talbot was just south of present highway 264 alternate at the intersection of Rock Ridge-Sims Road and Flat Rock Road.]

(Bennett & B. C. Pitt, continued from page 73)

County. Living with them were J. W., b. 1843; Mary J., b. 1845; and B. C., b. 1848.

Bennett may have been the Bennett named as youngest son of James Pitt, Sen., in the latter's will dated June 21, 1830, proven in Edgecombe Feb. Court, 1831. Others named as children of James Pitt, Sen., were oldest sons, Jo (Joab) P. Pitt, and John, executers; Dawsin, Ralph, Rebecca Jinkens, Pernitee Bridgers, and Jedidah.

The Bennett P. Pitt graveyard is within the first mile on the right side of the road that runs from Pinetops to Lower Town Creek. There are markers for seven members of the family:

Elder Bennett P. Pitt, 1808 (should read 1814)-1880.

Keturah Mercer, wife of Bennett P. Pitt, 1823-1899

Hassell Pitt, s. of Elder Bennett P. Pitt, 1852-1920

William Pitt, s. of Bennett P. and Keturah Pitt, 1841-1861

William Bennett Pitt, Aug. 17, 1880-Nov. 4, 1913

Elder Bennett Cooper Pitt, s. of Bennett P. Pitt, 1844-1897

Mary Elizabeth Ricks, wife of Bennett Cooper Pitt, 1846-1905

Mary Jane Pitt, b. Feb. 2, 1845, married Richard Williams Singletary on Oct. 17, 1865. Richard, born Feb. 19, 1837, in Beaufort County, N. C., the son of the Reverend John Singletary and wife Marietta Delia Ann Eliza Williams. Mary Jane died May 16, 1886, and Richard died July 21, 1892, in Conant, Florida.

Colonel Joab P. Pitt died near Sparta on August 23, 1854, aged about fifty-six years. ("Southerner," August 26, 1854)

Lt. William Pitt, son of Bennet P. Pitt, of Edgecombe County, died in the Winder Confederate Hospital at Richmond on August 3, 1862, aged about twenty years. He was a member of Company F, 30th North Carolina Regiment, C. S. A.

Marriages of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1868; *Abstracts of the Wills of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1856*; *Tombstone and Census Records of Early Edgecombe*; *Bible Records of Early Edgecombe,* all compiled by Williams and Griffin; *Deaths and Marriages from Tarboro Newspapers, 1824-1865,* Hugh Buckner Johnston]

June 30, 2011 Board Meeting

Sue welcomed the members with news of a response concerning the copyright of *Wilson County Founding Families,* and it was agreed to move forth with the process.

Joan Howell has given us 179 pages of Hugh B. Johnston's Barnes Narratives with permission to publish. We discussed the need to copyright and decided it was not necessary. A print number was discussed dependant upon the price, and the sale price is to be determined by the cost of printing.

Also, we received from Joan a copy of *Thataway, Barnes Individuals Born in North Carolina Who Moved Elsewhere*. We will print a copy for the library and then have copies printed as requested by members.

Sheppard Memorial Library invited us to participate in programs on July 17 and July 24. We will not be represented by the board but will send back copies of TREES and the Gold Catalogue.

There is a need for conversion of WCGS records to an updated version of Quick Books for the treasury and a spreadsheet in another program for membership. Being on an old PC and in a format which in unusable on another computer could very well present future problems. It was decided to look into new Quick Books for Wanda's computer, and Larry was to be asked about converting lists from Works to a spreadsheet that can be used for address labels.

Sue will be out of Wilson a great deal and asked about plans for records to be stored elsewhere. Scanning as a possibility is to be investigated. Wanda asked for a portable file, and she and Sue needed several small items all of which were granted.

The meeting was adjourned for the summer.

Frances W. Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- North Carolina Genealogical Society and Moore County Genealogical Society will present a workshop on Saturday, August 13, 2011, at the Hampton Inn of Southern Pines/Pinehurst, 200 Columbus Dr., Aberdeen, N. C. Entitled "Gathering, Organizing, and Sharing Your Family History," the workshop will include lectures by Pamela Boyer Sayre. For more information, go to the website: www.ncgenealogy.org .
- The North Carolina Genealogical Society Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting will be held October 29, 2011, in Raleigh, Barbara Vines Little, speaker.

DEATHS NOTICES NAMING A DISEASE

Deaths and Marriages from Tarboro Newspapers, 1824-1865, compiled by Hugh Buckner Johnston

[Editor's note: For the purposes of documenting illnesses, names are included if the newspaper obituary listing gave the cause of death. This series of obituaries began in the January issue of *Trees of Wilson,* and this is the last installment.]

Benashly Williams, son of the late David Williams of Martin County, died of yellow fever at Richmond, Louisiana, on October 12, 1855, aged twenty-six years. (S. November 17, 1855)

Charles Williams, son of the late Benjamin Williams of Tarboro, died of typhoid fever at Petersburg on August 1, 1862, aged about twenty-two years. He was a member of Lloyd's Battery, 40th North Carolina Regiment, C. S. A. (S. August 9, 1862)

David Williams, youngest son of John G. Williams, Esq., died of typhoid fever in Edgecombe County on October 6, 1854. He was born on October 20, 1839. (S. October 14, 1854)

James J. Williams of Tarboro died of yellow fever at Galveston, Texas, on October 14, 1859, aged thirty-two years. He had resided for many years earlier at Montgomery, Alabama. His Obituary seems to suggest that he participated in the defense of Texas during the Mexican War. (T. M. November 9, 1859. S. November 12, 1859)

Nicholas Williams, son of the late Dr. Robert J. Williams, died "with a fit" at Greenville on February 3, 1858, aged about twenty-two years. (S. February 6, 1858)

Ephraim Wooten died of yellow fever at Autry's Creek in Edgecombe County on October 26, 1862, aged nearly thirty-five years, leaving a wife and one child. He had volunteered in Captain Andrew Moore's Company and had been "employed as a nurse in the Hospital" at Wilmington until he became ill and returned home. (S. November 18, 1862)

John S. Young, a native of Scotland, died in Tarboro on August 12, 1862, aged about thirty-five years. He was a harness-maker at Washington until it was captured by the Federal Army. "His wife died a few months ago, when he became intemperate, and soon drank himself to death." (S. August 16, 1862)

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President's Message

We in the southeastern part of the country are often faced with tropical storms and hurricanes at this time of the year. It seems that we have experienced tornados more frequently than we used to.

Other WCGS members live in areas that have earthquakes and other natural disasters. Fire can be another dreadful event that we hope we never experience.

These acts of nature and man can wreck havoc in our lives and cause us injury, loss of family, records and property. We all hope that these things never happen to us, but we never know what the future holds for us.

We can "bury our heads in the sand" and ignore the possibility that it could happen, or we can safeguard our records and other treasures. On pages 86-87, we have included an article compiled by Jeff Scott filled with advice about disaster preparedness and recovery of water damaged documents and media.

While you are thinking along these lines, consider what you want to happen to your research when you become unable to handle it. You do not want all the information that you spent so much time collecting, analyzing, abstracting, and compiling to be discarded. Consider preparing a copy to be placed in your library. Attach a codicil to your will or write a document telling the administrator of your estate whom you would like to receive your genealogical records. Do it today! Tomorrow may be too late!

Sue Evans Powell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, September 27th
7:00 p. m.

Please join us for our next meeting on September 27th at the library.

Our speaker will be James "Jay" Arthur Evans whose program is entitled "Oil & Gas Heir? Are You Sure? He will also accept questions about the oil and gas exploration business, and fracking and water pollution issues. He states that he will have an interesting surprise that involves North Carolina. Jay, a WCGS member and local high school graduate, has been a Real Estate and Oil and Gas attorney for various public and private companies and is presently consulting for Oil and Gas Exploration Companies in Texas.

At this meeting the slate of nominees for officers for 2011 will be presented, and the floor will be open for nominations.

The following are the nominees:

President: no candidate at publication time

Vice-President: Frances Roberson

Secretary: Carol Forbes

Treasurer: Wanda Taylor

Member of the Board: Jerry Stancil (three year term)

Jeffrey Scott and Carroll Gaissert are currently serving continuing terms as board members.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the September meeting. Election of officers will be held at the October 25th meeting. Doug Rader will speak on Early Colonization Around Stantonsburg at that meeting.

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WILEY PITTMAN

Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers of the United States
(Published in 1909, Reprinted in 1984)
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Pittman, Elder Wiley. From an old copy of the minutes of the Kehukee Association of 1864, the editor copies the following in reference to Elder Pittman. "He was born on the 27th of July, 1815—in one of the most retired spots in Edgecombe County, N. C., and was raised up in the same neighborhood where he was born—with little or no education—and was not even favored with the advantages of literary associates. He was married on the 4th of December 1838; came before the church and offered for membership at Williams meeting house, Edgecombe County, Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1842, and was baptized on Friday following. He commenced preaching in 1854, and was ordained in 1857. He was looked upon universally, where known, as a very sound gospel minister, and dwelt mostly on experimental preaching. He was held in high esteem by persons who differed with him in sentiment, because of his good common sense and meek and humble deportment. He was what the world would call a poor man and was so afflicted in body as to be unable to labor much on the farm, but what of a support he could not raise at home, was supplied by his brethren and friends round about, especially those who made no profession of religion. He died November 22, 1861—leaving a wife, nine children—five sons and four daughters—the church at Williams, and a large circle of friends to

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RECOVERY

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Compiled by Jeff Scott

Natural disasters can happen at any time. In the weeks following the tornados that hit in the Wilson County area, storm victims spent hours trying to salvage treasured items from the debris. There were reports of letters and photographs being found many miles away from the owner. Can you imagine your genealogical research scattered over several square miles? Have you prepared for such a disaster?

Ask victims of disasters what they regret the most, and it's typically the loss of family photos and memorabilia. There's probably no way to make a copy of Grandma's quilt, but you can make sure most of your photo memories survive. The key is to make copies and store them securely. Burn some CDs with your digital photos and scan any iconic family photos that don't have negatives, and make CDs of those as well. (If you don't have a scanner, ask a friend who does, or have them professionally done.) Then store those copies in other locations. Send copies to relatives or other trusted individuals who don't live in your neighborhood. As one website noted, "The key is to get your copies out of your immediate geographic area; the farther away, the better." If your area is hit by a storm or fire, the copies will survive. Consider several copies in different locations and in different media formats (CDs, flash drives, portable hard drives). At least one copy is likely to survive.

In addition to photographs, make copies of all computer files. Store backup copies of important emails and family tree files with those same family and friends. Heirlooms and other items that cannot be scanned may be photographed or videoed to at least have a visual reminder if the original is destroyed or can't be salvaged.

When a disaster does strike, there are many resources to assist in salvaging irreplaceable items. Search the internet for directions or contact information for professionals. Start with the following. The North Carolina Preservation Consortium has an excellent website with useful tips - http://www.ncpreservation.org/resources/disaster.html. Also try the following page at the Library of Congress site—http://www.loc.gov/preservation/family/ftpreserv.html. There are detailed instructions for dealing with a variety of issues and many have short video clips showing exactly how to save your treasures. Here are a few of the most important rules to follow when dealing with documents and media.

Paper Documents, Maps, Posters, etc:

- Paper is very fragile when wet and must be handled with care, provide adequate support.
- Blot excess water off the documents.
- Do not attempt to separate individual items while very wet. You may leave them in stacks no higher than 1/4" to dry.
- If pages can be separated safely, they can be interleaved using absorbent paper towels or separating materials, such as waxed paper. Change interleaving materials until item is dry.
- Clean, rusted-free window screens stacked with bricks or wood blocks between them will provide a drying surface with maximum air circulation.
- If drying items on a hard surface, cover area with

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absorbent materials and change when wet. When items are almost dry, place them between protective sheets such as blank newsprint and put a lightweight on them to flatten.

Books

- Books that are more than half wet should be allowed to drain. Place the book on its top edge on a sheet or towel.

Place small pieces of sponge under the fore-edge of the book to allow water to drain. Do not fan open the pages.

Continue until water is no longer draining. The book can now be frozen.

- Freezing does not dry the book but it prevents further damage from water absorption. A book may safely remain frozen for weeks, even months. Wrap the book in plain waxed paper and place in the freezer. Frost-free freezers can dry out wet books by the same process that produces "Freezer burn" in food. The process however can take weeks to months depending on the moisture in the book.
- After the books have frozen, the ice can be brushed off and the books can be thawed slowly. During the thawing process blot all excess water and then air-dry as described below.
- Books that are half wet have the best result when they can be air-dried. Fan books open and stand on top or bottom edge; never stand them on the front edge. Stand books on driest edge first as it is the strongest. As the book dries turn it upside-down to the opposite edge every few hours.
- Place a sheet of white paper towels larger than the pages between the front and back cover and adjacent page before standing on edges. Replace the interleaving as it becomes saturated.
- When the book is no longer wet, but still cool to the touch, close and place on a solid surface with a slight weight such as a brick to keep distortion to a minimum.
- Check frequently to ensure that no mold is growing.

Photographic Materials

- Some historical photographs are very sensitive to water damage and may not be recoverable.
- Most prints, negatives and color slides can be air-dried. The emulsion (picture or image) side should be face up.
- Avoid touching the front surface of wet or damp photographic prints or negatives. Note: The emulsion side often appears less glossy on negatives and color slides.
- If photographic materials are covered with mud or dirt and are still wet, they may be gently rinsed in a bucket of cold, clean water, or a light stream of cold water, and then dried.
- To speed drying time, dry items on a clothesline using wooden or non-abrasive plastic clothespins. **Do not pin over image!**
- Air-drying Framed Photographs: Place the frame glass-side down and remove the backing materials.
- Carefully remove object and air-dry. If the object is stuck to the glass, do not remove; instead dry frame with object inside, glass side down on a flat surface.

Compact Discs and CD-ROMs

- Rinse off mud and dirt with cool clean water. If dirt persists, soak in a dilute detergent solution. Do not rub the disc.
- Dry vertically, in a rack if possible. If not place printed side down on clean sheet on wax paper.
- Air-dry the accompanying paper insert as described in the air-drying of paper section.

Computer Diskettes

- Remove diskette from casing and bathe in clean water.
- Air dry on paper towels or lint-free microfiber towels such as glass cleaning cloths.
- Place diskette into new casing and copy. Discard original after copying.

Video, Computer and Recording Tape

- If the tape is wet, disassemble case and remove tape.
- Leaving tape on reel, rinse in clean water.
- Support vertically on clean sheet or towel to dry.
- Reassemble dried tape and case and copy. Discard original after copying.

This site also provides details for handling damaged textiles, wood and upholstered furniture, and paintings. There's also a discussion of how to handle various contaminants, mold, smoke and soot. Remember hurricane season is approaching [has arrived]! We can hope that none of us will ever have to deal with these problems, but the possibility certainly exists. It's best to be prepared with copies and the knowledge of how to handle damaged documents and heirlooms.

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lament his death. Elder Pittman was neither rich nor great in the common acceptation of the world, but was more than both; a good man. He bore his protracted illness with Christiain [sic] patience and resignation, and well may we add in conclusion "mark the perfect man and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." The editor, who is a grandson of the subject of this sketch, desires only to add, that Elder Pittman's limited education was a heavy cross to him in the ministry. Many were the excuses he offered as reasons why he should not preach. But none were [sic] sufficient. God uses the foolish things to confound the wise, and God used him for His glory and the good of his people. Such a life of faithful service and such a name as his, is rather to be chosen than great riches, and is an invaluable legacy to his descendants.

OBITUARIES NAMING THE DISEASE THAT CAUSED THE DEATH

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Wilson Times, January 20, 1899

LAURA BISSETT

DIED

Last Sunday morning at the home of her brother, Mr. Charles Bissett, Liss [sic] Laura Bissett died after a short illness.

Several weeks ago she came from Raleigh and soon after was taken with pneumonia, which soon developed into consumption.

Last Saturday it was seen that she was sinking rapidly, and that night she died.

The funeral was preached on Monday at the Methodist church, of which she was a consistent member, by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Hurley. The interment was made in Maplewood cemetery.

The following acted as pall bearers: Messrs. L. Braswell, D. Braswell, J. B. Batts, Robt. Fulghim, Geo. W. Grady and Lee Flowers.

The TIMES extends sympathy to the sorrowing brothers and sisters.

[Editor's notes: There is not a marker for Laura Bissett in Maplewood Cemetery. Charles H. Bissett, b. 1868, d. 1938; and his wife Lucinda Bissett, b. 1868, d. 1968, were buried there.

Charles H. Bissett, 22, married Lou Batts, 21, on Dec. 3, 1890, at the home of Wiley Batts, Wilson. The marriage was performed by D. Herndon Tuttle, Min., M. E. Church So.

In 1900, Charles H. Bissett, born July 1868, "macanic," married nine years, and his wife Lucinda, born Sept. 1868, five births, three living children, lived in Wilson Township. Their living children were Tomas I., b. July 1894; Widley C., b. Feb. 1896; and Gladis, b. June 1899.

Charles Bissett was not listed in the 1880 Wilson County Census.

Lucinda L. (Frances) Batts, 11, daughter of Willie (Wiley) Jordan and Ann Eliza Poland Batts, lived with her family in the Wilson County Toisnot Township in 1880. Her father was a botanic physician and compounded remedies from commercial drugs, leaves, roots, barks, and fruits. His "Medical Formulas" were included in Jan. — Nov. 2008 *Trees of Wilson. Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries IV,* Joan L. Howell; *Wilson County Founding Families,* Henry and Sue Powell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe]

Wilson Times, August 11, 1899

ROBERT WILLIAMS BRITTON

DIED

Last Saturday at the home of its grandmother, Mrs. R. W. King, little Robt. Williams Britton died of Cholera Infantum. The little one has been sick some time and only death proved a release.

The remains were interred Sunday afternoon. Messrs. Steve Andersou [sic], Geo. Benton and Tom Foote acted as pall bearers.

The *TIMES* extends sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

Wilson Times, August 25, 1899

SARAH E. BAILEY CARTER

Last Thursday, yesterday a week ago, news come to this city that Mrs. Sarah E. wife of Mrs. [sic] W. D. Carter, of Elm City, had died. For some time she has had the erysipelas and was a great sufferer.

The funeral services were held from the home ou [sic] Saturday morning and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Duke pastor of the Missionary Baptist church, of which the deceased was a consistent member.

Mrs. Carter was greatly beloved in her section and the family have the sympathy of their many friends in irreparable loss.

[Editor's notes: W. D. Carter, 25, and S. E. Bailey, both Wilson residents, were married, at B. Baily's home, on April 29, 1875, by Frank H. Wood, Minister.

When the Town of Toisnot (Elm City) was incorporated on December 18, 1873, W. D. Carter was named as constable.

In 1880, W. D. Carter, 29, merchant; his wife Sallie E., 25; and their children Willie J., 3; DeLeon, 1; and infant son, 2 months; lived in Toisnot Town.

W. D., Nash Co. resident, married on April 3, 1901, at the Missionary Baptist Church in Wilson, to Minnie Privett, 24, by John J. Douglas, Baptist minister.

William Dallas Carter, b. 1850, d. 1929; Sallie E. Bailey Carter, b. 1853, d. 1899; and Minnie Privette Carter, b. 1877, d. 1925; were buried in adjacent graves in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Elm City, N. C.

The Missionary Baptist Church is now First Baptist. *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* J. Robert Boykin, III; *Wilson County Founding Families,* Powell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census,* J. Robert Boykin, III; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries II,* Joan L. Howell]

Wilson Times, July 28, 1899

W. B. FLOWERS

Died, in this township on the 1st, inst. Mr. W. B. Flowers, of dropsy, aged about 28 years. He leaves a wife and one child.

[Editor's note: Mr. Flowers death was reported in the "Saratoga Splinters" column.]

Wilson Times, July 28, 1899

MRS. JOHN HARRELL

On the 16th, Mrs. John Harrell, near Saratoga died of paralysis. She was about 80 years of age. She leaves an aged husband and one daughter.

[Editor's note: Mrs. Harrell's death was reported in the "Saratoga Splinters" column.

She may have been the Catherine Owens who married John Harrell on March 25, 1852, in Edgecombe County. In 1860, John Harrell, 34, farmer; and his wife Katherine, 35, lived in Saratoga District. Two children were listed in the household: Aquilla, 7; and Ferdinand, 3.

In 1870, John Harrell, 48, farmer; and Kate, 49; lived in Saratoga Township. Aquilla, 17; and Fernandes, 11; lived with them.

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Aquilla Harrell, 18, married Levi Owens, 27, sometime in 1873, at the home of John Harrell.
Wilson County Founding Families, Powell]

Wilson Times, August 18, 1899

J. M. JOYNER

Rev. Mr. Wooten, of South Rocky Mount, was here Thursday, where he was called to preach the funeral of Mr. J. M. Joyner who died Wednesday night at his home, about three miles from here. Mr. Joyner had for several months been a patient sufferer with consumption. He was buried Thursday evening at Mount Zion in Nash county.

Wilson Times, June 16, 1899

BETTIE BRASWELL LANGLEY

Mrs. Bettie Braswell Langley after months of patient suffering died here of consumption on Sunday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Braswell. She leaves a husband and two little children, also several brothers and sisters who feel her loss deeply but we know it is well with her and pray that God may enable them to say "Thy will be done."
[Editor's notes: Lonnie Langley, 26, Nash Co. resident; married Bettie Braswell, 23, Toisnot Township resident; on Jan. 27, 1894, at Elm City, Toisnot Township.

In 1900, Benjamin Braswell, b. Apr. 1840, carpenter; his wife Sally, b. March 1841, seamstress, 8 births, 4 living children; and their son Willie T., b. May 1875, carpenter; lived in the Town of Elm City.
Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, Boykin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe]

Wilson Times, May 26, 1899

DAVID OETTINGER
Dave Oettinger Dead

During the past few months, while the genial and kind hearted Dave Oettinger had been battling with the disease, which all thought would result in death, the sincere sympathy of every heart in Wilson had been with him and his family.

But last Monday morning when it was told around the city, that Dave Oettinger had passed away every one knew that the sufferings of a good man were ended, and believed that he had gone to rest. For if a life in which much suffering is aleviated [sic], in which many hearts are made much happier by his charity, — life free from immorality and vice does not entitle the liver to the title of christian, then few, very few will bear the name.

Mr. Oettinger was born about forty years ago in Washington, D. C.

Early in the seventies he came to this city with his brother Mr. Jonas Oettinger, and for some years they were with Mr. Rosenthal. Later they both bought out this store and at Mr. Dave Oettinger's death, the large business done in the three stores on Wilson's principal street was a monument to the business integrity of each of these two brothers.

In 1891 Mr. Dave Oettinger married Miss Bertha Rosenthal, of Washington, D. C. Two children blessed this union and no family was a happier one. Until last summer Mr. Oettinger was a very healthy man. During the summer season he contracted malaria, which so impregnated his system that before it was eradicated, enlargement of the liver was produced.

All that medical skill could do was done to relieve the sufferings which were great, and until a few months ago, hope was entertained for his recovery. Later though it became evident that recovery was impossible and so he awaited death as a martyr. Last Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock he passed away.

The interment was to be in Washington, D. C., and so Monday night before the remains were taken away, services, in part were held by Rabbi Myerberger. The local lodge of Masons of which Mr. Oettinger was a prominent member assisted.

In Washington on Tuesday afternoon suitable ceremonies were held and the body was interred.

Thus passes away a most worthy citizen, a kind hearted gentleman, an ideal husband and father and a true friend. Although after the customs and traditions of his fathers he was a Jew "of the straitest sect", yet with "orderly walk and godly conversation," he exemplified the life and teachings of the man Christ Jesus.

As a mason, Mr. Oettingers place can not be filled. He was Past Master of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117, and Past High Priest, of Mt. Lebanon, Chapter No. 27. Mason's [sic] of this city sent Messrs. Lat Williams, W. J. Boykin, Dave Woodard, Thos. Bell, E. H. Adams and F. S. Davis, to Washington with the remains, and these gentlemen acted as pall bearers.

The masons of Wilson and the state will feel and mourn the death of Mr. Oettinger.
[Editor's notes: In 1880, Dave's brother, Jonas Oettinger, 23, born in Maryland, clerk in store, lived in the household of his uncle E. (Emil) Rosenthal. In 1882, Rosenthal sold the store to Jonas and David Oettinger. The brothers married Rosenthal's two oldest daughters.

Farmers brought cotton, forest products, watermelons, and chickens to barter for merchandise that they needed from the Oettingers' store. The brothers did well as did their store which originally dealt in dry goods but later became a department store. The store, located on Nash Street, was still in operation well into the twentieth century.
The Rise of a Southern Town, Wilson, North Carolina, 1849-1920, Patrick M. Valentine]

Wilson Times, May 12, 1899

JULIA QUARLES
Died

Last Wednesday evening the little five months baby, Julia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Quarles died of meningetis [sic]. The little one was a very promising baby and was very healthy until a few weeks ago was taken with whooping cough. The strain brought on menigetis [sic] and it died after intense suffering.

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The remains were intered [sic] yesterday afternoon. The sorrowing parents have the sympathy of the community.

[Editor's note: Julia Quarles, "Little Julia, Daughter of Alex & Julia Quarles," "Aged 5 months" was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. Her mother died just months later. Her grave marker with the inscription "Julia Parker Quarles, b. JAN. 23, 1868, d. Jan. 5, 1900, Wife of Alex Quarles, is in the same plot at Maplewood Cemetery. William Alexander Quarles, b. Jan. 5, 1857, d. Aug 2, 1940, was also buried there.

In 1900, William A. Quarles, b. Jan. 1857, dry goods clerk, lived in Wilson Township. Living with him were his daughters, Blanche, b. June 1887; Mary P., b. Dec. 1888; and Annie,b. Jan. 1893.

Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries IV, Howell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe]

Wilson Times, June 12, 1896

WILLIAM PRESTON SIMPSON
Mr. W. P. Simpson Dead

Yesterday morning the people of our city were shocked and grieved when the death of one of her prominent citizens was announced.

It was known on Tuesday that Mr. Simpson had been stricken with apoplexy and was dangerously ill and yet his friends could but hope for his recovery.

Mr. Simpson had been up to his farm at Ringwood attending to business and had left on Tuesday morning to drive through the country to his home. Before he had gone very far however he was stricken and died on Wednesday evening. This death is indeed a sad one and is a heavy blow to our city and the surrounding county. Few deaths have been received with such profound and universal grief. Many sorrowful comments were heard. Many were those who said "He was a good friend to me." Says one farmer "he has done more for me than any other man living."

Mr. Simpson was originally with the firm of Branch, Hadley & Co., Branch, Briggs & Co., Branch & Co., respectively as their book-keeper. Later he was a member of the firm of Hackney Bros. & Simpson, and when this copartnership was dissolved, he was made cashier of Branch's Bank, which had just then organized. At Mr. Branch's death he was made President of the Bank. He was also president of the Wilson Cotton Mills. Not only did he prove faithful in these positions showing extraordinary business talent, but in those positions relative to the town and its upbuilding he was ever on the alert to do that which was for her best good. For years he has taken an active part in the educational interests of the town being at the time of his death one of the trustees of the Wilson Graded school.

Mr. Simpson was [a] bold and aggressive business man, it being a habit of his to become conversant with the men with whom he came in contact. He was a close observer both of men and methods.

He leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss, and whose memory will ever be green with his kindness and goodness. Our sympathy is with them. Owing to his being so far from the railroad his remains were not brought home until last night and were enterred [sic] this morning.

Resolutions of Respect

Wilson Daily Times, June 19, 1896

The Board of Trustees of the Wilson Graded Schools desiring to express their sorrow at the death of Mr. W. P. Simpson, and to show their high appreciation of his service as a member of their Board, have caused the following resolutions to be spread upon their record:

Resolved that in the death of Mr. W. P. Simpson the Wilson Graded Schools and the cause of education in this community have lost a valuable friend and an earnest advocate. Aggressive and fearless in the charge of his duties, he was ever watchful of opportunities for improving the efficiency of the schools and of extending their influence among the people. Although burdened with the cares and management of large business interests, both for himself and others, he was at all times prompt in his attendance upon our meetings and enthusiastic in promoting the interests of the school. Wise in counsel, bold and progressive in action, his devotion to teachers, pupils and patrons has won for him the affectionate remembrance of all.

Resolved, Further, that in our intercourse with him, both officially and personally, he was always gentlemanly in bearing and courteous in manner, winning the respect and affection of all with whom he came in contact. A successful business man, an upright, useful and patriotic citizen, a concientious [sic] and faithful public officer, his untimely departure from this life cast a gloom over the whole community which is brightened only by the confident trust that he has heard from the Master, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

[Editor's notes: W. P. Simpson, b. Sept. 30, 1851, d. June 3, 1896, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. His wife, Anna Rebecca, b. Aug. 26, 1848, d. March 12, 1941, was also buried there. An obelisk was erected in the memory of the members of their family. Others named on the obelisk were:

Annie P. Simpson, b. Feb. 1875, d. Dec. 11, 1947

Ashton Lee Simpson, b. Apr. 26, 1881, d. Sept. 23, 1881, "Children of W. P. & A. R. Simpson"

Edgar W. Simpson, b. Dec. 18, 1876, d. Feb. 15, 1938

Margaret C. Simpson, b. May 27, 1887, d. Feb. 26, 1977 (a separate marker identified her as wife of Reese B. Simpson)

Mattie Simpson, b. Sept. 1882, d. July 21, 1883, "Children of W. P. & A. R. Simpson"

Randolph Shotwell Simpson, b. June 15, 1885, d. June 12, 1886, "Children of W. P. & A. R. Simpson"

Reese B. Simpson, b. Apr. 1884, d. Dec. 3, 1934, named his brothers F. A. Simpson and James D. Simpson as alternate estate managers.

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W. P. Simpson made his will Sept. 5, 1893, and it was proven in court June 6, 1896, Book 3, page 199. He named his wife Anna R. Simpson as guardian of his estate and children. He made specific bequests to his wife and children Edgar W. Simpson, William P. Simpson, Reese B. Simpson, and Annie Simpson. He

W. P. Simpson was one of several men who obtained a state charter in 1891 for a railway, to be called the Wilson and Carolina Railroad Company, to run from Wilson to Tarboro, Washington and Weldon. It is possible that this charter was "a ploy to pressure the Atlantic Coast Line into providing more service." *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries IV,* Howell; *Abstracts of Wills, Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* J. Robert Boykin, III; *The Rise of a Southern Town, Wilson, North Carolina, 1849-1920,* Patrick M. Valentine]

Wilson Times, June 9, 1899

WESLEY TAYLOR
DEAD

Last Sunday at the home of his father, Mr. Weldon Taylor, of this city, Wesley, a young man just 20 years of age died of a yellow chill.

The remains were interred Monday in Maplewood, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. B. H. Melton.

[Editor's notes: Weldon Taylor, son of Gray and Spicy Felton Taylor, married Drewsilla Jackson on Jan. 12, 1867.

In 1880, Weldon Taylor, 33, brick mason; and his wife Drucilla, 30, lived on Green Street in the Town of Wilson. Their children Sam C. O., 7; Mary E., 5; and Wm. W., 9 months; lived with them.

Westley Taylor, d. May 27, 1899, "Age 19 yrs" was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. His father Weldon Taylor, d. Aug. 23, 1912, "Age 66 yrs." (C. S. A. marker) was buried in the same section. Also buried in that section was Drew Taylor, d. May 28, 1915, "Age 72 yrs." who may have been his mother. *Wilson County Founding Families,* Powell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries IV,* Howell]

Wilson Times, August 15 and 18, 1899

SUSIE WILLIAMS
DEAD

For a number of weeks, Miss Susie, the twelve year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lat Williams of this city, has been battlging [sic] with that awful scourge, — typhoid fever. Several times it was reported that her condition was much better, and then the sad news would come that she had had a relapse.

Last Friday we took pleasure in announcing that on the evening before, her condition was much improved.

But that evening at 7 o'clock death came to her release and she was no more a sufferer.

The remains were interred the next afternoon at 5 o'clock, the funeral services being conducted at the home on Nash Street, by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Hurley, of the Methodist church.

Messrs, [sic] E. F. Nadal, A. P. Weaver, W. S. Micks, E. P. Mangum, S. B. Parker and Jas. Lipscomb were pall bearers.

Lovely flowers were piled on the mound, emblematic of the purity of the life of the maiden resting underneath.

Few children so endear themselves to neighbors, play-mates, teachers, and parents as did this sweet little girl. Susie was a general favorite.

In this hour of sore bereavement may the suffering ones be given grace to say "Thy will be done."

[Editor's notes: Susan Davis Williams, b. Dec. 27, 1886, d. Aug. 11, 1899, "Beloved daughter of Latimer & Estelle Williams, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C. Her parents Latimer Williams, b. Sept. 24, 1852, d. Sept. 2, 1939; and Estelle Davis Williams, b. Aug. 9, 1861, d. Apr. 29, 1938; were also buried there.

Latimer Williams, 29, and Estelle Davis, 21, were married by J. H. Guinn, Min., on Sept. 13, 1882, at the residence of Mrs. Jas. W. Davis in Wilson. Latimer was born in Washington, Beaufort County, N. C. Emily Estelle Davis was the daughter of James Watson Davis and Susan Matilda Gay.

In 1880, J. W. Davis, 41, bookkeeper; and his wife S. M., 44; and children Bayard, 20, clerk in store; Estelle, 18; Joseph, 16, clerk in store; W. H., 13; Susan, 9; and Addie, 3; lived on Tarboro St., in the Town of Wilson.

In 1900, Latimer Williams, b. Sept 1852, merchant; and his wife of 17 years, Estell, b. Aug. 1861, three births, 2 living children; lived in Wilson Township. Their living children were Grace, b. Dec. 1883; and Latimer, born May 1891.

Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries IV, Howell; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* Boykin; *Wilson County Founding Families,* Powell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census,* Boykin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe]

Wilson Times, May 19, 1899

VIOLET WILSON
Died

Wilson Times May 19, 1899

Last Saturday morning the little sixteen months old daughter, Violet, of Mr. Ed. Wilson was taken sick. From then until Monday it was quite ill but its parents did not think the illness would prove fatal. On Tuesday morning however, its illness took a very violent form and rapidly developed into meningitis from which it died that afternoon.

Violet was a bright little child and had endeared herself to many.

The remains were intered [sic] last Wednesday afternoon in Maplewood. Owing to the absence of Mr. Melton, the pastor of the parents, Rev. M. T. Moye of the Christian church conducted the services.

The sympathy of the many friends of the family is heartfelt.

[Editor's notes: Violet Meredith Wilson (20 months), b. Jan. 9, 1898, d. May 16, 1899; and Edward L.

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EDWARD BARNES

Barnes Narratives, Researched and Documented by Hugh Buckner Johnston

Typed, Edited, and Indexed by Joan Lawrence Howell

[Editor's note: This is Mr. Johnston's narrative of Edward Barnes, included in the book recently published by Wilson County Genealogical Society.]

EDWARD BARNES, died in the spring of 1762 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. He married Sarah Pope, born ca 1697 daughter of Elizabeth Powell and John Pope who made his will in Isle of Wight County on February 1, 1748/49, probated in Southampton County on July 14, 1751, naming daughter Sarah Barnes.[1] Elizabeth Pope made her will in Southampton County on July 12, 1757, and named a "cousin" (niece) Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Barnes "in North Carolina."[2]

On April 28,1711, Edward Barnes patented 131 acres east of Chowan River in Nansemond County.[3] On April 6, 1722, he patented 340 acres west of the head of Chowan River and south of Indian Creek Swamp in Chowan County.[4] On March 26, 1723, he and Richard Holland patented 460 acres west of Chowan River and west of Miry Meadow adjoining Joseph Ballard, John Gay, John Davison, and Godfrey Lee.[5] On March 28, 1723, he patented 345 acres west of Chowan River, west of Miry Marsh, and along Miry Meadow.[6] On August 1, 1727, he patented 540 acres west of Chowan River and south of Indian Creek adjoining Richard Holland.[7] On August 11, 1727, he patented 575 acres west of Chowan River "known by the name of the Nansemond town," south of Indian Creek to its mouth, and bounded by Chowan River Pocoson.[8] The preceding patents totaled 2,161 acres of land.

On October 27, 1726, the name of Edward Barnes was mentioned in connection with land grants on lapsed patents.[9] On June 12, 1735, he paid arrears of Quit Rents from September, 1729, to March 1732, in the amount of £17.6.6, on 440 acres in Bertie County.[10] On May 18, 1738, he witnessed the will of John Baude in Bertie County.[11] On February 1, 1741/42, John Minsie of Chowan County sold Edward Barnes of Northampton County for the sum of £20.0.0 Virginia money 440 acres (from a patent of 640 acres dated April 1, 1723) north of Indian Creek Swamp, west of Chowan River, and along John Hooks, the Virginia line, Meadow Branch, and Robert Braswell (the other 200 acres had been sold to Bryan MacClain); witnessed by Robert Sharman and James Maney.[12]

On February 6, 1741/42, Edward (EB) Barnes and James Maney witnessed the deed of Robert Sharman to George Liverman in Bertie County.[13] On August 12, 1742, Edward (E) Barnes, Yeoman, of Northampton County, deeded to "my beloved son, Wm. Barnes" 150 acres west of the head of Chowan River and south of Indian Creek Swamp; witnessed by Peter Garland, Thomas Best, and Barret Montgomery.[14] On September 15, 1743, Edward (E) Barnes, Planter, of Northampton County, sold James Maney, Merchant, for £10.0.0 current money 100 acres west of Chowan River and west of Indian Creek Swamp (from my patent of May 2, 1725); witnessed by William Barnes, John (P) Page, and Robert Tharpe.[15]

On May 12, 1747, Edward (EB) Barnes "of Edgecombe" sold Carr Durden of Nansemond County for £288.0 current Virginia money 440 acres in Northampton County north of Indian Creek Swamp adjoining the Virginia line (part of a patent to John Mensie on April 1, 1723): witnessed by Elisha (E) Durden and Joseph Barnes.[16] On January 22, 1747/48, Edward (E) Barnes sold James Maney for £10.0.0 current Virginia money 100 acres on Horse Pasture Branch; witnessed by Joseph Barnes and Thomas Uzzell.[17] On June 16, 1752, Edward Barnes made an unsuccessful attempt to patent 300 acres north of Toisnot Swamp in Edgecombe County.[18] On October 25, 1753, he patented 179 acres adjoining the land of John Thomas in Edgecombe County.[19] On June 24, 1761, in the Edgecombe County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, "Ordered that Edward Barnes an old and infirm person be exempted from paying county taxes and that he be recommended to the next assembly for a further exemption of public taxes. "[20]

Edward Barnes had lived after 1723 near the present Riddicksville in the extreme northeastern corner of Northampton County, an area included in Bertie County from 1722 to 1741. He appears to have settled near White Oak Swamp in Edgecombe (now Wilson) County in 1747. Edward (B) Barnes made his will in St. Mary's Parish of Edgecombe County on December 15, 1760, describing himself as a Planter "formerly of Chowan River," and it was probated on March 23, 1762: (1) son Nathan Barnes, one shilling; (2) son William Barnes, one shilling; (3) son Jacob Barnes, one shilling; (4) son Abraham Barnes, one shilling; (5) daughter Mourning Fiveash, one shilling; (6) daughter Charity Simms, one shilling; (7) daughter Mary Simms, one shilling; (8) daughter Elizabeth Leigh, one shilling; (9) daughter Sarah Amason, one shilling; (10) daughter Patience Barnes, 100 acres on Chowan River, where she was then living, after the death of her mother; (11) grandson Jacob Barnes, reversional interest in the 100 acres on Chowan River after the death of Patience Barnes; (12) granddaughter Barbara Wiggins, two cows; (13) granddaughter Ferreby Wiggins, two cows; (14) grandson Michael Barnes, the tract called Mirey Mash on Chowan River where his mother was then living; (15) wife Sarah Barnes, lifetime use of the land where Patience Barnes was living; (16) witnesses: James Barfield, Eliza Barfield, and Thomas Edmundson.[21]

CHILDREN OF SARAH POPE AND EDWARD BARNES:

1. Nathan Barnes
2. William Barnes
3. Jacob Barnes
4. Abraham Barnes
5. Joseph Barnes
6. Morning Barnes married John (?) Fiveash.

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THATAWAY, BARNES INDIVIDUALS BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA WHO MOVED ELSEWHERE

Compiled by Joan Lawrence Howell

[Editor's note: This is a portion of page 1, which was compiled from the 1860 census records, beginning in alphabetical order by state of residence. This document can be of help if you are trying to find and follow collateral lines of persons who were no longer residing in Wilson County. The birth state of every member of the household is included which indicates the migration pattern and approximate dates if the other members of the household were the spouse and their children.]

LAST NAME	GIVEN NAME	AGE	STATE BORN	CENSUS-STATE, CO.	OTHER
BARNES	JORDAN	60	NC	1860-AL, Bibb Co. #558	Miller
	Martha	27	AL		
	Jeff	24	AL		
	Catherine	23	AL		
	Frank	1	AL		
BARNES	MARGERA	80	NC	1860-AL, Calhoun Co. #160	with Anderson family
BARNES	TEMPERANCE	52	NC	1860-AL, Cherokee Co. #15	with Sherrod family
BARNES	WILLIE	35	NC	1860-AL, Choctaw Co. #447	
	Edna	37	NC		
	Andrew J.	17	AL		
	Mary	14	AL		
	Elizabeth	11	AL		
BARNES	JOHN H.	28	NC	1860-AL, Choctaw Co. #448	
	Napoleon	26	GA		
BARNES	EBENEZER	46	NC	1860-AL, Coffee Co. #919	
	Penelope A.	23	AL		
	Jenett J.	9	AL		
	Ebenezer M.	8	AL		
	Catherine	3	AL		
	Mary E. F.	1/12	AL		
BARNES	JAMES M.	30	NC	1860-AL, Conecuh Co. #835	Carpenter/with Braswell family
	Mary	28	GA		
	Allen	13	GA		
	George W.	3/12	AL		
BARNES	ABSOLAM	51	NC	1860-AL, Dale Co. #1009	
	Mary	34	GA		
	Elizabeth	20	GA		
	William	18	GA		
	Coleman	16	GA		

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7. Charity Barnes married Joseph Simms.
8. Mary Barnes married Robert Simms.
9. Elizabeth Barnes married Jesse Leigh.
10. Sarah Barnes married Benjamin Amason, Sr.
11. Patience Barnes apparently never married.

[Editor's note: There may have been another daughter who married a Wiggins.]

Footnotes:

(1) Southampton County Will Book 1, page 46.
(2) Will Book 1, page 230.
(3) Patent Book 10, page 29, in the Virginia Dept. of Archives.
(4) Patent Book 111-A, No. 387; Patent Book 3, page 98, in the North Carolina Land Grant Office.
(5) Patent Book 111-A, No. 510; Patent Book 3, page 131.
(6) Patent Book 3, page 128.
(7) Patent Book 3, page 127.
(8) Patent Book 3, page 127.
(9) William L. Saunders, Editor, The Colonial Records of North Carolina. Raleigh, N. C., 1886, Vol. II, p. 641.
(10) William L. Saunders, Editor, The State Records of North Carolina. Goldsboro, N. C., 1907, Vol. XXII, page 240.
(11) J. Bryan Grimes, Abstract of North Carolina Wills. Raleigh, N. C., 1910, page 41.
(12) Northampton County Deed Book 1, page 18.
(13) Bertie County Deed Book F, page 419.
(14) Northampton County Deed Book 1, page 32.
(15) Deed Book I, page 90.
(16) Deed Book 1, page 318.
(17) Deed Book 1, page 325.
(18) North Carolina Land Grant Office, File No. 0129.
(19) Patent Book 11, page 140.
(20) Minutes of the Edgecombe County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, N. C. Department of Archives.
(21) Edgecombe County Will Book A, page 91.

DAWES CEMETERY

Contributed by Benjamin F. Williams

LOCATED: In Edgecombe County, Township 14, 100 yards W of Arlington Street Ext in S Rocky Mount on E Tarboro Road, State Road 1006, path on left, past decaying Dawes house and out buildings, 500 yards to right in field.
CONDITION: undergrowth recently cleared and stones cleaned and readable. Maintained by Dawes descendant, Michael Joe Brake.
22 stones, some unmarked spaces
Recorded by Ben F. Williams, July 27, 2011

1st row East side

JESSIE DAWES, Wife of G. L. Hagin, Apr. 13, 1891/ Jan. 3, 1918, Gone but not forgotten

INFANT Son of Henry & Estelle Robbins, Born & Died May 6, 1922, Gone to be an angel

LNL, [Lou Nannie Dawes] Wife of J. R. Lancaster, B. June 8, 1880, D. Nov. 7, 1908, We miss thee from our home dear wife, We miss thy kind and willing hand. Our home is dark without thee every where.

ALFRED T., Son of J. R. & L. N. Lancaster, B. Oct.1, 1908, D. May 22, 1909, Gone to be an angel

MARGARET MAE DAWES, Jan. 2, 1918/May 29, 1937, She now sweetly rests

ALFRED T DAWES, Sept. 18, 1927/ Apr 19, 1932, Gone but not forgotten

2nd row

LOUISA DAWES, Born Sept. 27, 1850, Died Oct. 5, 1925, A devoted wife and a loving mother

A. G. DAWES, BORN Nov. 8, 1841, DIED June 3, 1915, Beloved husband farewell

MILLIE A., dau. of A. G. & Louisa Dawes, B July 16, 1875, D Oct. 2, 1878, Gone to be an angel

MAGGIE E., dau. of A. G. & Louisa Dawes, Born Feb. 16, 1873, Died Sept. 15, 1878. Borne home by angels hands.

ROSA E., dau. of A. G. & Louisa Dawes, Born Nov. 6, 1887, Died Aug. 29, 1901, Darling we miss thee

MARY LENA DAWES, Wife of S. D. Bryant, Born Oct. 17, 1877, Died Aug. 20, 1908, Darling we miss thee

3rd row

W. H. WYNNE, FEB 4, 1865, MAY 1, 1930, Gone but not forgotten

MARY A., dau. of J. P. & Catherine Wynn, Born Mar. 8, 1877, Died July 28, 1877, Budded on earth bloom in heaven.

CATHERINE, Wife of J. P. Wynn, BORN Mar. 5, 1832, DIED May 6, 1877, A tender mother & faithful friend

W. B. Dawes, Mar. 28, 1839, Aug. 16, 1907, Gone but not forgotten

T. T. DAWES, Born Jan. 11, 1871, Died May 26, 1921, Although he sleeps, his memory doth live.

BASHA, Wife of W. B. Dawes, Aug. 16, 1843, Oct. 24, 1924, She now sweetly rests

MARGARETTE DAWES, Born July 7, 1829, Died Nov 27, 1919, Not my will but thine be done.

SUSAN DAWES, BORN Dec 13, 1830, DIED Nov 8, 1914, The faithful are sure of their reward.

HARRETT DAWES, BORN Apr. 18, 1835. DIED Dec. 9, 1910, Thy trials ended thy rest is won.

CARLINE DAWES, BORN May 8, 1836, DIED Dec 1, 1901, Faithful to her trust even unto death.

(Obituaries Naming Cause of Death, continued from page 91)

Wilson, b. June 1, 1856, d. Dec. 11, 1915, were buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C.

Edward L. Wilson, 28, and Cora A. Pearce, 20, were married by M. T. Moye, Minister of the Church of Christ, on Dec. 14, 1887, at the Church of the Disciples in the Town of Wilson.

In 1900, Edward Wilson, born June 1856 in Virginia (as were his parents), and his wife of twelve years Cash (sic. Cora?), 6 births, 5 living children; were the first household listed in Wilson Township. Their children were James, b. Oct. 1889; Elizabeth, b. Sept. 1890; Mary, b. Dec. 1891; William, b. Jan. 1893; and John, b. Sept. 1895. *Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries IV,* Howell; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* Boykin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Howell and Sharpe*]

Wilson Times, Aug. 25, 1899

STATON A. WINSTEAD

Last Tuesday afternoon in this city at the home of its parents on Lee Street, the infant son of Mr. Graham Winstead, died of Cholera Infantum. It was a sweet little child, but its life here was one of suffering, and death proved a release.

The interment was made in Maplewood cemetery last Wednesday, Rev. B. H. Melton of the Christian church conducting the funeral services.

Messrs. Geo. Stronach, Geo. Stanton, Paul Anderson and W. C. Sadler were pall-bearers.
The many flowers laid upon the grave evidence the affection entertained for the little one by the many friends of the family.
[Editor's notes: Staton A. Winstead, b. Apr. 26, 1899, d. Aug. 24, 1899; and his parents Graham Winstead, Sr., b. May 20, 1867, d. Nov. 30, 1944; and Mittie B., b. Jan. 20, 1867, d. Jun. 20, 1925; were buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson, N. C.

Graham Winstead, 24, son of Willie and Augusta Wilkerson Winstead, and Mittie Herring, 21, were married by Moses T. Moye, Minister of Disciples of Christ Church, on Dec. 18, 1889, at the home of T. J. Herring, the bride's father, in the Town of Wilson.

In 1900, Graham Winstead, b. May 1867, druggist; and his wife of 10 years, Mittie B., b. Jan. 1868, five births, three living; lived in Wilson Township. Their living children were Lamar, b. Oct. 1892; Dasy, b. Oct. 1897; and Herbert, b. Apr. 1900.
Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries IV, Howell; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* Boykin; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Howell and Sharpe]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Corrections to August 2011 *Trees*.** On the cover page, in the "Contents of This Issue," please make this entry on the blank line: Stantonsburg Township, page 74. On page 84, please change the price of *Barnes Narratives* to $12.00, and that of *Thataway, Barnes Individuals Born in North Carolina Who Moved Elsewhere* to $6.00

• The **Wilson County Public Library** has a new online catalog and website. The new address is http://www.wilsoncountypubliclibrary.org . The change has created a greatly improved "e-library" online catalog which allows you to search the library's holdings.

• *The Wilson Times* has begun a **Retrospective** series in Wednesday and Saturday editions in which they will feature some of the news coverage of significant events in Wilson's history. The first section, which ran on August 3, 2011, focused on the history of *The Wilson Times* and highlighted some of the paper's front page milestones. The front page of the first edition, an 1965 story on the process of printing a newspaper, the 1981 announcement of the plan to construct an new printing facility, and the 1996 cover of the Centennial Edition were reprinted.

The second installment focused on Wilson industries with a 1937 page about the Wilson tobacco market, a 1962 page about the process of growing and selling tobacco, the 1973 announcement of the Firestone plant coming to Wilson, and the 1994 announcement of BB&T's home office relocation.

This will be an interesting series to follow.

• The **Greene County Family Researchers** will meet Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 p. m., at the Greene County Museum in Snow Hill, N. C. The group is planning a new survey of the county's cemeteries.

• The **Edgecombe County Genealogical Society** will meet Sept. 16, at the Edgecombe County Memorial Library, Tarboro, N. C. The society will host a library lock-in. Members will be able to research the materials and online sources of the library. Doors will be locked from 5:30-9:00 p. m.

• The **Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society** will meet Saturday, October 15, 2011, at 10:30 a. m., at the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C. The speaker and program are to be announced.

• The **North Carolina Genealogical Society** Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting will be held October 29, 2011, in Raleigh, Barbara Vines Little, speaker.

• Josh Howard, research historian at the North Carolina Office of Archives and History, has spent more than a year spearheading the **North Carolina Civil War Death Study**. The goal of the study was to compile an accurate count of the deaths of North Carolinians who died serving in the Confederate and Union armies. In addition to official military records, he has examined the records of hospitals, cemeteries, churches, prisoner-of-war camps, pensions and more. He has searched through archival and newspaper accounts, diaries, census data, and other sources. Previous accounts of Tar Heel deaths did not include approximately 2000 African-American and white North Carolinians who died serving in the Union army. For more information call 919-807-7900 or go to ncmuseumofhistory.org .

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***The Wilson Times*, April 17, 1896**

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President's Message

WCGS was formed in 1991 by members of a genealogy class at the local community college. Our membership has grown to include persons in many states across our country. We have accomplished a great deal in those twenty years and hope that we will continue to fulfill our purpose to preserve and share the history of Wilson County and its people.

However, WCGS is at a crossroad, and the road to take is questionable. It has become difficult to identify persons who are willing to accept the leadership of the society.

Two years ago, the nominating committee fell back on me to serve as president for the third time. This year they have been unable to identify anyone willing to serve as president.

We live in a busy world with many responsibilities and commitments. Some feel that they would rather be "Indians rather than a Chief." Some don't feel that they have the traits needed to be a leader.

Because of that, the society's leadership and work have been accomplished by just a few members. These members have worked hard for many years for the benefit of all of the members. We have given our time to the society willingly sacrificing our own projects. We have asked many times for help from our membership with very little response.

Without the leadership of a president, the society will flounder. Who will give it direction? How will it survive? The answer is in the hands of the membership. What will it be?

Sue Evans Powell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, October 25th
7:00 p. m.

Please join us for our next meeting on October 25th at the library.

Our program will be presented by Douglas Rader who will speak on Early Colonization around Stantonsburg. Dr. Rader has presented two previous programs, "Settlers in the Tuscaroran Void," and "Search for the Contentnea Quaker Meeting House." As a scientist, he is meticulous and thorough in his research. He is also a dynamic speaker and will impress us with his knowledge and keep us listening intently lest we miss any information that he will share with us.

At this meeting the slate of nominees for officers for 2011 will be elected.

The following are the nominees:

President: no candidate at publication time

Vice-President: Frances Roberson

Secretary: Carol Forbes

Treasurer: Wanda Taylor

Member of the Board: Jerry Stancil (three year term)

Jeffrey Scott and Carroll Gaissert are currently serving continuing terms as board members.

November meeting: Annual Meeting, Installation of Officers, Show and Tell

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THEOPHILUS BARNES' POEM

Zion's Landmark, January 15, 1891

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

ENTREATY

Before we place on our brother
The stigma of disgrace,
Just try to balance your judgement
By putting yourself in his place.

Look well at all his surroundings,
At his pleasures and his cares.
Don't crush a brother with our curses,
When he can be saved by prayers.

Look at his strength, his weakness,
Test the surgings of his blood.
Does it flow like a gentle streamlet,
Or rush like a turburlent flood.

Perchance all the early training
Of the man was the kind to bend,
This mind in the crooked channel
That led to the bitter end.

It may be in a single hour
Some powerful impulse came.
It may be for action of others
That he is now bearing the shame.

Then look with tenderest mercy
On the erring of our race,
And e'er we pass judgment upon him,
Just put yourself in his place.

Brother Gold, this is from one that loves you and the Baptist family. Would to God that we could all dwell together in peace and love. O that day when freed from sinning.

Theophilus Barnes.

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 26th, 1890

[Editor's Note: Those who participated as vigilantes, as reported in the Oct. 2010 issue of *Trees of Wilson,* should have considered these thoughts.]

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MURDER OF JACOB D. ROBBINS

Wilson Times November 7, 1911

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

First Murder Trial in Wilson County

Bill of indictment.
State of North Carolina.
County of Wilson.
Superior Court of Law.

Fall Term 1858

State vs Jim.

"The jurors for the State upon their oath present that Jim, a slave, the property of Jacob Robbins, late of the county of Wilson not having the fear of God before his eyes, but being moved and seduced by the instigations of the devil, on the first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, with force and arms at and in the said county of Wilson, in and upon one Jacob D. Robbins, in the place of the State then and there being feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought did make an assault and that the said Jim with a certain axe of the value of one dollar, which he the said Jim then and there in both his hands had and held him the said Jacob D. Robbins in and upon the right side of the head of him the said Jacob D. Robbins then and there feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought did hit and strike and that the said Jim did then and there give unto the said Jacob D. Robbins by such striking and hitting of him the said Jacob D. Robbins with the axe aforesaid, one mortal wound of the length of two inches and of the breadth of one inch in and upon the said right side of the head of him the said Jacob D. Robbins then and there instantly died." etc. etc. etc.

Geo. S. Stevens was the solicitor and Judge R. R. Heath was presiding Judge.

The prisoner was duly arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

Thereupon Jacob Robbins the owner of said slave comes into court and accepts service of notice of this trial and prosecution and the following jury, good and lawful men, towit:

Oswald Lipscomb, Jesse Sauls, Josey Peel, Thos. H. Bridgers, Jas. H. Rentfro, James D. Barnes, Wm. Peele, Thos. A. Mason, Ira G. Ellis, Jas. R. Barnes, John Dew, Alvin Bagley, being chosen, tried and sworn to speak are empowered. Upon their oaths do say that the said Jim is guilty of felony and murder as charged.

The judgment of the court was that on the 11th day of February, next (1859) between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M., Jim be taken by the sheriff of Wilson county to the place of common execution and there hang by the neck till he be dead.

Judgment against the owner of said slave, Jacob Robbins, for all costs.

[Editor's notes: "Jim Robbins was "seduced by the instigation of the devil" into killing his master with an ax. Jim was the only person, white or black, legally executed in Wilson County until after the turn of the century. (Wilson County Slave Records, 1855-1864, North Carolina Department of Archives and History, C. R. 105.928.7, fall term "State vs. Jim a slave, 1858."

The only Jacob Robbins in the parent counties of Wilson according to the 1850 census was a 74 year old farmer living in the Edgecombe County household of Dawson Cobb, 70,

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MURDER OF ROBERT TURNAGE

Wilson Times

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin and Sue Powell

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Mr. Bob Turnage Murdered While Asleep.

His Throat Cut From Ear to Ear—The Store Burned to the Ground.

Wilson Times, April 28, 1899

Last Wednesday morning Mr. Geo. Moore, who lives in the Turnage Section which is just across the line between this county and Pitt, came to Wilson and gave the harrowing details of an awful crime, a meager account of which had been previously received by the phone.

Mr. Theodore L. Turnage is the proprietor of Turnage's store, which is also the post-office of Turnage.

Last Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock, Mr. Turnage was awakened by the cry of fire and soon saw that his store, about two hundred and fifty yards from his house, was on fire—in fact almost completely inveloped [sic] in flames. He rushed to the scene and immediately tried to go in to get out his books which were in the safe, thinking of course his nephew, Mr. Robt. Turnage who slept in the store was on the outside.

Knocking a window open he jumped in and as he crossed the room he stumbled and was then horrified to see that he had stumbled against the body of his nephew. The body was cold and Mr. Turnage pulled it out in the open air, only quick enough to escape the building falling in.

When the body was examined it was found that the neck had been cut about half off, the instrument being used, presumably, a sharp knife and the stroke beginning at the middle of the troat [sic] and going behind the left ear—the jugular vein being completely severed.

It is thought that the young man, who was about twenty-six years old had been murdered in his sleep and had then scrambled to the floor and died—that then the rascals plundered the store and then fired it.

There was then no clue to the miscreants. Mr. Moore on his arrival telegraphed to Raleigh for bloodhounds and they were expected on the noon train. They did not come however; but in the afternoon a heavy rain made the dogs tracking the murderers an impossibility.

Wilson Times, April 28, 1899

Saratoga Splinters

I have just heard of a very sad affair over in Pitt county. Mr. Theodore Turnage had a store at Dongola and his nephew Robt. Turnage clerked for him. Last night some one murdered the clerk by cutting his throat and then set fire to the store. Mr. Turnage got to the store in time [to] save his nephew burning.

Yours of the
LOST CAUSE

Wilson Times, May 12, 1899

The Turnage Murder

Last Friday news was brought to this city that three men had been arrested in the Dongola section, charged with complicity in the murder of Bob Turnage, the full details of which awful crime were given in week before last *Times.*

Three men, a white man named Ellis and two negroes were arrested and taken to Greenville for safe keeping, and the trial was set for last Monday.

Last Sunday morning three more negroes were arrested. These were Jim Dixon, a brother of Ben Dixon the other negro, Ben Johnston and Cephus Langley.

On last Monday the day set for the preliminary hearing a very large crowd was in Greenville, so much so that violence was feared, in fact it seemed to be the sentiment of the crowd that if the crime was securely fastened on any of the defendants that there would immediately be a lynching bee.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the prisoners were all brought out before five Justices of the Peace. Solicitor Larry I. Moore who was present and representing the state, made the motion that the case be postponed for hearing until next Monday at 10 o'clock, giving as a reason that there was other evidence that the state wished to develop and that there was also other evidence on the part of the defendants which in justice to them should be developed.

The case was then postponed.

Rumor says that there was a woman in the case and that as soon as it was learned that no money had been taken from the store which was burned, that the people immediately began the search for this clue and soon found it, with the result that the parties were arrested.

LATER.

The Kinston Free Press of Tuesday says that one of the negroes arrested was swung up by his neck and the confession extorted from him amounted to this, that Ellis had paid him $2.00 to get Turnage out, that he went to the door of the store and asked for the keys to feed the horses. Mr. Turnage opened to give them to him as he was the regular feeder on the Turnage place. As soon as the door was opened, the mob rushed in, grabbed Turnage and taking him down the road, cut his throat and then carried him into the store and fired the building.

Wilson Times, May 19, 1899

Committed for Trial.

Greenville, N. C., May 15.—One of the largest crowds ever assembled in the court house of Pitt county was present today at the preliminary trial of Dongola murder and arson case which was continued from last Monday. Detective I. Spondour, of Smith, West and Lyon's Detective Police Agency, Baltimore worked 8 days on the case and developed some important testimony.

Six arrests were made in all, and the trial to-day was before a court of five magistrates and lasted from 10 o'clock until 6:30.

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GUNFIGHT IN WILSON!

***The Rise of a Southern Town, Wilson, North Carolina, 1849-1920*, pages 96-97**

***"Wilson's Heritage, A newsletter published by the Wilson County Historical Association,"* September 2007**

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Wilson was experiencing unusually warm weather in January 1890 when Alpheus Branch, his son Paul and his cashier Jacob Cecil Hales went looking for Frank Washington Barnes and his supporters Calvin Barnes and James Sterrett. Al Branch was Wilson's leading private banker, just on the verge of going public and challenging the town's publicly chartered bank headed by Frank Barnes. Branch headed the town's largest cotton establishment while Frank and Calvin Barnes were major backers of the developing tobacco market. Wilson was not a large town, and the two groups soon faced each other. The elder Branch, a Civil War veteran, pulled a gun and shot five times at Calvin Barnes, another Civil War veteran. Barnes was unhurt, but Constable James Marshburn, who was trying to intervene, was hit in the heel.

Both groups were hauled before magistrates James W. Lancaster and George D. Green. All these men knew each other well; all were embarrassed by the situation, not least the presiding magistrates. Green was a business partner with the Barnes in Wilson's first tobacco warehouse and would take over Wilson Cotton Mills upon Branch's death. Frank Barnes was Branch's business partner in the cotton mill while Branch had been an original director of Barnes' bank. Branch and Barnes were related to each other through Branch's wife, General Joshua Barnes' daughter Nannie. Together they had introduced fox hunting to Morehead City on the coast. Barnes was himself a magistrate and his cousin Calvin had long been one.

Magistrates Lancaster and Green fined the participants $10 each. Sterrett, about whom little else is known, alone received a $30 penalty for reasons unreported; perhaps he had stirred up the trouble. Alpheus and Paul Branch were bound over to Superior Court for carrying deadly weapons. That summer a Superior Court judge ruled "judgment suspended on payment of __ cents" [sic.]. One newspaper carried a short item when the shooting occurred, the other reluctantly followed suit but did not mention names. And there the tale ends, barely mentioned again in the press. The story was forgotten by both families. Nothing more is said about Constable Marshburn, a veteran who as Color Sergeant had been captured with the Fourth North Carolina's Regiment's flag at the Battle of Chancellorsville. Despite his heel injury Marshburn continued in police service for many more years.[1]

Had the southern code of chivalry been broken; was the code of honor now restored?[2] Why had two of the most prominent men in town gathered retainers around them and approached each other? Was it indeed over a woman, as one family member, now apprised [sic.] of the story, suspects? Was it because both now headed public banks eager for the new-found wealth of tobacco soon to be cropped? Was it new tobacco against old cotton?

Cotton had been just as good to Calvin and Frank Barnes as it had been to Alpheus Branch and his bank. However, it was the Barnes who were spearheading the county's move to tobacco. Although cotton enriched certain families, for Wilson to have remained merely a cotton center would have doomed the town to mediocrity and anonymity. As a cotton market Wilson had no room to grow, and would have been one of scores of minor cotton towns. As late as 1910 the *Wilson Times* claimed cotton would make Wilson as much money as it would any other county but 1910 was a good year for cotton while yielding a below-average tobacco crop.[3]

Calvin Barnes had worked his way up the economic ladder after the Civil War. Like his third cousin Frank, he was now one of Wilson's wealthiest citizens. His parents were substantial landowners before the war, and their son graduated from the University of North Carolina, a rather unusual attainment. As soon as the war came, Calvin enlisted. He served as an officer in North Carolina during the Civil War and fought at Bentonville as a major. But in 1870 Calvin owned only seventy acres. By 1880 he had corn, flour and saw mills in addition to his cotton gin and was buying more land. Calvin's mills and gin alone were worth some $8,000 to $10,000 by 1891. He and his wife Mary Ann had four children of their own while maintaining some of his siblings. Calvin Barnes became a major planter and entrepreneur active in growing and marketing the new tobacco crop. He stood for no nonsense, as shown when he broke the nose of one of his tenants and had to pay a $100 fine.[4]

Almost a decade later, in 1899, Calvin Barnes' black overseer Jonathan J. Jefferson ambushed him on a country road. Two grandsons discovered Barnes and brought him and his frightened granddaughter to a doctor in town. The sheriff captured Jefferson but held him in Raleigh, supposedly for his protection although witnesses testified that there was no outcry against Jefferson personally. Jefferson held many grievances against the short but stout Barnes, the most recent being that Barnes would not give Jefferson's daughter a new dress as promised. The testimony as in so many of these cases is vague here, but Barnes may have known the daughter more intimately than was proper. The defendant told the court "that 500 people, and possibly 5,000 in Wilson County wanted Mr. Barnes killed, and [he] reckoned some of the Barnes' [own kin] also were glad." As much as anything, shooting the grandfather in front of the little girl's eyes seemed to have shocked Wilson. Wilson newspapers gave the crime the largest coverage ever up to that time. John E. Woodard, Jefferson's attorney, cannily offered no defense in the face of the defendant's confession to a Raleigh

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(Gunfight in Wilson, continued from page 100)
reporter and the testimony of a Barnes relative who said Calvin identified Jefferson some hours before his death. Among other damning evidence was a gun Jefferson had borrowed the day before the killing. Possibly because so many people, white and black, were related to Barnes, it took a whole day to select a jury but only forth-five minutes for them to declare Jefferson guilty. The judge sentenced him to death. The sheriff declared that there would be no lynching: "Our people will let the law take its course." Woodard appealed the verdict because of the hearsay nature of the identification of Jefferson since it was not a deathbed declaration and therefore legally admissible. The North Carolina Supreme Court agreed and ordered a new trial, and this time Jefferson was declared "not-guilty." At that time, as local historian Dr. William B. Clark, Jr., points out, the science of ballistics and other forensic proofs were lacking.[5]

It should be noted that a black defendant accused of murdering a prominent and wealthy white man was able to secure the services of one of Wilson's sharpest legal minds and avoid any punishment despite the compelling if circumstantial nature of the evidence against him.

On the other side of the Barnes-Branch dispute, Paul Branch may have had a poor reputation as a young man, but Jacob C. Hales would one day head Branch bank with distinction. Hales eventually had six children, and his chapter in *That They All May Be One,* a book on the international Christian ecumenical movement, would advocate Protestant unity. By the time death took him in 1913, Hales was "one of Wilson's best loved citizens." Reconciliation between the two groups, Barnes and Branch, in any case, seems to have been swiftly achieved two months after the shooting incident. Calvin Barnes and Branch's cashier and successor, William Preston Simpson, as the newspaper emphasized, together inspected some tobacco lands owned by Simpson in Halifax County.[6]

End Notes:

1. Wilson County Judgment Docket Criminal, II, 1887-1903, June term 1890, North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh (NCDAH), microfilm roll c. 105 30026, #17, 28, and 42; and Wilson Superior Court Minutes 1855-1899, NCDAH, roll c. 105 30005, #17, 28, and 42. *Wilson Advance,* 23 and 30 January, and 12 June 1890; *Wilson Mirror,* 29 January and 11 June 1890. On 29 January the *Wilson Mirror* gave Frank Barnes an extended encomium as "the able President of the First National Bank of Wilson." Marshburn was Constable of Wilson Township; in March he joined the town police force. Fox hunting: Virginia Pou Doughton, *Tales of the New Atlantic Hotel, 1880*-1933 (New Bern: Griffin & Tilghman Printers, c1994), 15-16. A couple years later they became partners in the hotel.
2. Note what the *Wilson Times* said a few years later: Officials should be diligent in arresting those who carry guns in their hip pockets. "A man who habitually carries a pistol cannot be too severely punished."
3. State Board of Agriculture, *Hand-Book of North Carolina* (Raleigh: Edwards & Broughton, 1893), 203. *Wilson Times,* 23 August 1910.
4. *Legislative Manual and Political Register of the State of North Carolina ...* 1874 (Raleigh: Josiah Turner, Jr., 1874), 368. Hugh Johnston's "Looking Backward," *Wilson Daily Times,* 6 December 1951, reviews Barnes' war record. *Reference Book of the Mercantile Association of the Carolinas ... January, 1891* (Wilmington: Jackson & Bell, 1891), 316. Fighting: *Wilson Advance,* 15 May 1890; Wilson County Judgment Docket Criminal, June term 1890, #40. Cf., "Minutes of City Council, Wilson, North Carolina" (transcript, Wilson County Public Library), 20 May 1879 and 17 May 1893. Calvin's father, James Dew Barnes, owned some $20,080 in real estate and $62,580 in personal in 1860.
5. *Wilson Times;* 1 September and 20 October 1899; (Raleigh) *Morning Post,* 30 August 1899; F. A. Woodard to Dear Groves, Southern Historical Collection, Wilson Library, UNC-Chapel Hill, N. C. (SHC), 175, H. G. Connor papers, 21 February 1903. State vs. John J. Jefferson, 125 N. C. 712 (1899), Supreme Court Case 19,725, NCDAH. I am grateful to Dr. William B. Clark, Jr., who supplied additional information while reviewing this chapter, August 1999.
6. Vidette Bass, *Branch: A Tradition with a Future* (Wilson: Branch Banking and Trust Company, 4th ed., 1986), 34-37, 90; quotation 35. Hales was a graduate of Wilson Collegiate Institute. See also *Wilson Times,* 16 May and 16 June 1911; Jas. P. Simpson to *My Dear Miss Kate* [Katie Connor], SHC 175, Connor papers, 17 April 1886. Halifax: *Wilson Mirror,* 2 April 1890.

[Editor's note: In the article published in "Wilson's Heritage," Dr. Valentine stated that Branch was fined $200, his son received a suspended judgment and paid an unrecorded fine. Sterrett was fined $30 and the other participants $10.

The *Wilson Times* account of the murder of Calvin Barnes was included in the October 2009 issue of *Trees of Wilson.*

There were two men listed in the Wilson County 1900 Census who could have been the man charged with killing Calvin Barnes.

John Jefferson, black, born May 1849, widower, day laborer, lived in Wilson Township-ED 123. Since the murder occurred at the end of August 1899, one wonders if the "wheels of justice" moved fast enough for Jefferson to have been cleared by the time the 1900 census was taken.

John J. Jefferson, inmate, white, born May, 1850, married, farmer, was listed as one of forty-two men and three women recorded as inmates in the 1900 household of William Sharp, sheriff in the census of Wilson Township-ED 125. Twenty-six of the men were recorded as "rode hands," some who were born in Virginia, South Carolina, Ohio, and Georgia. Fannie Jefferson, white, born February 1852, married twenty-eight years, three births, one living child, also lived in the same Wilson Township. Living with

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DEATH OF DELLA GREENE'S INFANT

***Wilson Times,* March 24, 1899**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

INFANTICIDE

The Dead Body Found. The Mother Arrested.

Wilson Times March 24, 1899

Last Friday afternoon as Louisa Moore was in her garden, her attention was drawn to the corner of the lot. On going to the spot she found the dead body of an infant which showed evidence of having been burned. She then called her neighbors to view her ghastly find.

Louisa is the wife of L. A. Moore, colored, and lives on Greene street in this city.

When Moore came home that night, Louisa told him of her find. The next morning, he reported the matter to the police who soon gathered information sufficient from the neighbors to show that the mother of the infant should be arrested.

The coroner, Dr. J. K. Ruffin, was summoned and after empanneling a jury heard sufficient evidence to warrant the following verdict from the jury; that the deceased came to its death at the hands of its mother, Della Greene.

This woman has been recently cooking for Mr. E. G. Rawlings, and it was known that her condition was such that she had to go to the home in Enfield. A warrant was then issued for her arrest and she was soon arrested in Enfield. On Monday Sheriff Sharpe went for her and on Tuesday the preliminary hearing was held before Justices of the Peace, D. Worthington and J. W. Lancaster.

It was brought out in the evidence that the defendant had been in a delicate condition and that after her return from Mr. Rawlings she had been very sick, that while sick she was at Moore's, that the child showed signs of having been at the place where found for about five or six weeks.

Dr. C. E. Moore testified to having viewed the body, that it was then in an advanced stage of decomposition, that it showed signs of having been burned, that he could not swear that the child was alive when born.

On hearing this evidence the defendant was committed to jail to await the next court.

The condition of the woman when brought into court was indeed a pitiable one. She could hardly stand, was very weak and seemed to have gone through some terrible strain.

[Editor's notes: Della Greene was not listed in either the Wilson County 1900 or 1880 federal census records.

Lee Moore, age 21, married Louisa Morgan, 18, both Wilson County residents, on April 6, 1886, at Black Creek. The marriage was performed by H. W. Privett, J. P., and witnessed by A. L. Barden, F. C. Bains and J. B. Barden.

According to the 1880 census, Lee Moore, age 16, worked on farm, lived in Black Creek township with his parents Lawrence Moore, age 38, farmer; and his wife Viny, age 25. Their other children were Nellie, age 13; Esther, age 10; Dela Ann, age 10; John, age 7; David, age 5; and Austin, age 2.

In 1870, Larrence Moore, age 30, and Sylvia, age 30, domestic servant, lived in Wilson Township. Living with them were Eliza, age 8; Henry, age 6; Esther, age 2; and Soloman, age 21; farm laborer.

Lee Moore, age 7, lived five households away with Idea Moore, age 67; Samuel, age 23, farm laborer; Vinah, age 20, farm laborer; Nellie, age 6; Jane, age 1 month; Sidney, age 8; Frances, age 7; Nancy, age 13; and Edmond, age 14, farm laborer.

Lawrence Moore, age 30, married Vina Moore, 25, both Wilson County residents, on January 23, 1873. The marriage was performed by London Johnson, colored minister. This would imply that Lee was the son of Vinah and stepson of Lawrence.

The 1900 census for Wilson County listed Lee A. Moore, born May 1864, black, merchant; his wife of fourteen years, Louisa, born December 1868, two births, one living child, as living in Wilson Township—ED 125. Their son Ernest, born March 1888, lived with them and was attending school.

Edward G. Rawlings, born May 1860 in Virginia to parents also born in Virginia, broker; and his wife of 13 years, Sarah D., born August 1864 in North Carolina, father born in Tennessee and mother in New York, lived in Wilson Township—ED 126 in 1900. Sarah had given birth to six children, all living. Their children, Edward, G., Jr., born November 1888; Hellen B., born August 1890; Susan P., born October 1893; Lenox, born September 1894; Sarah L., born October 1896; and Margaret M., born March 1900; lived with them.

At the end of the 1900 listing for Wilson Township—ED 126 were several persons who "were not reported when enumerating." The first of those was John K. Ruffin, born March 1834, widowed, physician, lodger in the household of Patrick B. Deans, born November 1853, broker; and his wife of twelve years, Minnie L., born September 1866, five births, four living children. Their children Archibald B., born August 1889; Martha C., born July 1893; Minnie R., born October 1897; and Vivia B., born May 1900; lived with them.

Patrick Bolan Deans, 35, married Minnie Laura Rhodes, 22, both Wilson County residents, on October 31, 1888, at the home of the bride's mother. The marriage, performed by Benja S. Bronson, Min. of P. E. Church, was witnessed by J. G. Pennington, M. L. Rhodes and M. A. Barnes.

Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899, J. Robert Boykin, III; *Wilson County's Founding Families,* Sue Evans Powell and Henry Powell; *Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900,* Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe]

GEORGE GAY DIED IN PRISON

***Wilson Daily Times,* March 30, 1911**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Would Have Been Free In June

Wilson Times, March 30, 1911

Mr. George Gay, who died yesterday in this city, would have been pardoned in June had he lived. He was sentenced to thirty years in the penitentiary for killing Mr. Wade Aycock, his employer, about ten years ago at Mr. Aycock's saloon on Goldsboro street. After killing Mr. Aycock Mr. Gay attempted suicide but his self-inflicted wound proved not fatal.

Recently Governor Kitchin, in response to a strong petition, consented to pardon the deceased at the expiration of ten years' imprisonment, which term would have expired in June.

[Editor's note: In the 1900 Wilson County Census, George R. Gay, born March 1872, bartender, lived with his parents in Wilson Township-ED 126. His parents, Robert Gay, born April 1846, watchman at the cotton mill, and his wife of thirty years, Jackie An, born July 1846, five births, five living children; and two other children Mattie, born October 1875; and John F., born October 1882, grocery store clerk; were the others in the household.

In the Wilson County census for 1880, Robert Gay, 34, farmer; and his wife Jane A., age 33; lived in Saratoga Township. Their children Sopha, age 11; George T., age 8; William, age 6; and Martha A., age 5; lived with them.

Wade Aycock was not listed in Wilson County in that census; however the *Wilson Times,* of January 20, 1899, carried this news item:

A NEW MAN.

"Mr. W. H. Aycock, a well known gentleman of the Fremont section has come to Wilson and has located in Mr. Billy Batts' old stand. He carries a fancy stock of fine wines, whiskies, cigars, etc. His place is a well kept orderly one and he invites his friends there to get good treatment.

"He has established a well ordered restaurant in the same place and guartees [sic.] to comfort the inner man."

Mr. Aycock began advertising in the *Wilson Times.* His ad stated nearly the same thing as the news article. The ad stated that the business was located on Goldsboro Street.

Wade Hampton Aycock, born May 23, 1866, died November 2, 1901, son of Jacob and Charlotte Aycock, was buried in the Aycock Cemetery on Black Creek Road in Wayne County. His parents were also buried there: Jacob Aycock, born August 6, 1829, died 1898; and Charlotte Aycock, born July 22, 1834, died November 18, 1909 (double marker).

Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe; *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census,* J. Robert Boykin, III, *Wayne County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Book, Vol. I,* Elliott R. Futrell]

WILLIAM LEWIS MURDERED HIS WIFE

Contributed by Leonard Lewis, Jr., and Wanda Taylor

The Nashville Graphic, No date

Wilson, N.C., March 2,-- A most shocking tragedy occurred this morning in Spring Hill Township near Buckhorn Church. Bill Lewis, who is said to have been on a drunker debauch for more than a week and who has on several occasions, it is reported, threatened to kill his whole family, killed his wife in a most horrible manner. While she was delivering a message to her son, Lewis went up behind her and struck her a blow on the head with an axe. He then attacked the son with a butcher knife. Lewis then took to the woods and was not seen again until yesterday morning, when he was captured by the officers, who have been searching for him since the foul deed.

The Daily Record, Greensboro, N.C., March 8, 1908

Kills Wife With Axe

Wilson Dispatch, March, 2: This morning near here, Will Lewis, a white farmer, while drunk, knocked his wife in the head with an axe, killing her. Lewis had been drunk for a week and on several occasions threatened to kill his wife and children. Lewis made his escape, but officers are confident of capturing him. Bloodhounds are being used.

The Nashville Graphic, March 11, 1908

Wilson, March 6.—The jailer here yesterday morning found Will Lewis dead in his cell. Lewis, who was a white farmer, last Thursday while drunk struck his wife with an axe, killing her. The county physician pronounced the case of death heart failure.

The Daily Record, Greensboro, N. C., Thursday Evening, March 5, 1908

Lad Shoots His Father In Wilson County

Raleigh, N. C., Thursday, 5.—Today in Wilson county Cad Page, a prominent farmer, was shot dead by his fifteen-year-old son, Ernest, while the father was attacking the boy's mother. The old man was drunk. The coroner's jury is holding an inquest this afternoon and evidence assures justification of the boy, who did not attempt to escape.

William Lewis, white, of Wilson, who killed his wife last Saturday, died in the Wilson county jail early this morning from what cause is unknown.

Contributor's notes: William's wife, Lecie Helen Green Lewis, birth Oct 1850 in N. C, Death March 1908 in Wilson Co., was the daughter of Levi Joseph Green (1809-?) and Mary "Polly" Wilder (1817-1900). According to the 1850 census, the Green's lived in Davis, Franklin County. Lecie was buried at Noble Chapel Church Cemetery in Wilson N. C. William and Lecie married January 15, 1868, in Nash County. The license stated William's mother was Zilla Lewis, father unknown.

1900 Census, Old Fields, Wilson Co.:

William G Lewis, 56; Lecy H Lewis, 49; Mathew Lewis, 16; Johney Lewis, 13; Ruffin Lewis, 11

Childern of William and Lecie Lewis

Jincy Helen Lewis 2/19/1871 - 6/18/1924

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PLUMMER WILLIAMS TRIED

***Wilson Daily Times,* October 9, 1911**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

Was Going to Eat Bear Meat.

Plummer Williams who shot at George Farmer on the 30th of September was tried before Mr. W. R. Wood Esquire this morning and sent to jail.

George lives on Mr. J. D. Farmer's farm on the Saratoga road and Mr. Daniel Lucas the principal witness who lives on Mr. Amos Hayes place was the principal witness.

Mr. Lucas is a veteran of the Civil war and rode through the yankee lines and back again. When General Lee heard of it he wanted to promote him for bravery, but Mr. Lucas explained to the General that it was not his fault but the horse he was riding which he could not control.

Mr. Lucas testified that Plummer borrowed a gun from him to shoot a bear up the road and thinking that a bear had escaped from Haag's show here on that day he loaned him the gun, believing he would get a hind quarter of bear meat and the skin from which he expected to make a buggy robe.

[Editor's notes: Amos Hayes, born November 1854, farmer; and his wife of twenty-two years, Loumisa, born May 1861, eight births, seven living children; lived in Gardner's Township according to the 1900 Wilson County census. Their children Geneva, born February 1879, married three years, two births and one living child; John W., born September 1882; Nathan T., born May 1884; Narcissus, born March 1886; Andrew J., born May 1889; and Mary Lee, born July 1899; lived with them.

Daniel W. Lucas, age 34, farmer; and his wife Catherine, age 34, lived in Black Creek Township in 1880. Their children Robert E., age 11; Mary C., age 9; Virginia, age 7; Margaret, age 5; James W., age 3; and John Thomas, age 1; lived with them.

There were two Daniel Lucas listings in the 1900 Wilson County census. One of them was too young to have served in the Civil War.

Daniel W. Lucas, born October 1843, farmer; and his wife of thirty-three years, Kate, born November 1843, farm laborer, mother of ten children with seven living; lived in the Town of Black Creek. Their sons Tommie, born April 1879, farm laborer; and Franklin J., born December 1881; were living with them. Also in the household were their grandchildren Ephriam, born March 1889; Charlie, born January 1890; and Minnie, born August 1895.

Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Howell and Sharpe; *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census,* Boykin]

(William Lewis, continued from page 103)

Joseph Henry Lewis 10/20/1874 - 11/18/1949
Mary E Lewis abt 1874 - ?
Fanny H Lewis abt 1879 - ?
Mathew Lewis 11/1883 - 3/13/1920
John L Lewis 10/11/1884 - 8/7/1950
James Ruffin Lewis 4/16/1889 - 6/11/1957

(Murder of Jacob Robbins, continued from page 98)

farmer. Robbins had eleven slaves: seven males and four females. The males were ages 33, 31, 17, 13, 12, 10, and 2. The females were 60, 11, 10, and 2.

According to the Edgecombe County 1850 Agricultural Census, Jacob Robbins had 125 acres of improved land, 439 acres of unimproved land, $1760 was the cash value of the farm, farming implements and machinery worth $40, and livestock worth $370. *The Rise of a Southern Town, Wilson, North Carolina, 1849-1920,* Patrick M. Valentine; *The 1850 Federal Census, Edgecombe County, North Carolina,* Abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr.; *North Carolina, 1850 Agricultural Census,* transcribed and compiled by Linda L. Green]

(Turnage Murder, continued from page 99)

Nothing was found against four of the prisoners and they were discharged. The evidence was so conclusive against the other two, Elijah Joyner and Caphas Langley, both colored, that they were committed to jail for trial at the next term of the Superior court.

The Dongola Murder.

After the arrest of three more negroes charged with the murder of Bob Turnage at Dongola several weeks ago, and after two detectives had been at work on the case for several days, the preliminary hearing was had last Monday in Greenville.

After the examination of the detectives and of the defendants and the witnesses, the solicitor moved that as no evidence was appearing against Will Ellis, the white man, and the three negroes, Ben Dixon, Ben Johnston and Jim Dixon, they be released. This was done. Then the motion was made that the two negroes Eligah Joyner and Cephus Langley be bound over to court. This was also done. *The Greenville Reflector* of Wednesday comments as follows:

After the trial was over and the two prisoners were taken back to jail threats of lynching began to find expression. These became so pronounced that Sheriff Mooring concluded that for the safety of the prisoners it would be best to move them, so in the early part of the night he had them quietly taken from the jail and carried elsewhere for safe keeping. The case aroused considerable feeling, especially against Elijah Joyner, who is believed to have made many false statements both before and during his examination at the trial.

(Gunfight in Wilson, continued from page 101)

her were her daughter Emma R. Dunn, born November 1875, married eight years, two births, one living child, housekeeper; and her daughter Hattie B., born May 1894. John Dunn, 25, white, married Emma Jefferson, 16, white, on April 5, 1892, at the residence of the bride's father.

Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* J. Robert Boykin, III]

W. D. AND HATTIE L. CROCKER MAKE A STATEMENT REGARDING RUMORS

***Wilson Daily Times*, December 26, 1911**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

A STATEMENT

From Dr. Crocker and His Wife — Mrs. Crocker Came to Wilson Immediately After the Shooting and Has Been With Her Husband Ever Since.

This morning we received a message from Dr. Crocker and Mrs. Crocker to bring Mr. W. R. Wood to their rooms in the Sanatorium where Dr. Crocker is confined from the effects of the wounds he received on Saturday from the gun in the hands of his brother-in-law, Mr. Smith.

When we reached the room we found the doctor sitting up in bed eating dinner and he informed us that both he and this wife desired to make a sworn statement in order to contradict the current rumors as to the regrettable incident. We read over both statements which were sworn to by Dr. and Mrs. Crocker and their oaths were taken by Mr. Wood.

We are indeed glad to learn that the whole trouble is the result of a misunderstanding and that Dr. Crocker will soon be out.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Crocker were visibly affected and Mrs. Crocker is devoted to her husband and has been at his bedside every moment since Dr. Crocker was taken to the Sanatorium.

Their statements follow:

Dr. Crocker's Statement.

To Whom It May Concern:

Without any fear or compulsion whatever, from any source, I take pleasure in voluntarily informing the public, that the reports now coming to my ears from various sources and seemingly, current talk, with every one in our community, is a wilful [sic] and mischievous lie, manufactured and circulated by some dirty cowards and enemies who wish to do us serious harm. My wife is absolutely true to me, virtuous, honest and just and we have had no trouble whatever between us. Our neighbors, friends and enemies as well as our relatives have been misinformed. There has been peace, love and harmony existing between us always since our marriage up to the present hour.

W. D. CROCKER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Dec. 1911

W. R. WOOD.

Justice of the Peace.

JOHN D. GOLD. Witness

Mrs. Crocker's Statement.

Of my own free will and accord I voluntarily make the following statement. That my husband, Dr. W. D. Crocker has been kind and good to me and that on no occasion has he ever tried to chastise me, the current reports are absolutely false. They have no grounds whatever for the existing rumors. Doubtless those reports are due to the intent of some one to break peace between us and our relatives we have lived in peace, love and harmony ever since our marriage.

HATTIE L. CROCKER.

JOHN D. GOLD. Witness.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Dec. 26th, 1911.

W. R. WOOD.

Justice of the Peace.

Wilson Times, December 29, 1911

Trial Set in January.

The trial of Cleveland Smith, who shot Dr. Crocker his brother-in-law has been set for January and will be heard before Mr. W. R. Wood in this city.

Dr. Crocker was able to return home this afternoon. His wife, who has been constantly at his bedside, accompanied him.

Crocker-Smith Trial January 3d.

The trial of Cleveland Smith and Dr. Crocker will occur before Mr. W. R. Wood in this city January 3d.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Corrections to September 2011 *Trees.*** On the even numbered pages, change the month to September.
- The **Edgecombe County Genealogical Society** will meet October 20, 2011, at 7 pm, in the Pender Room at the Edgecombe County Memorial Library, 909 Main St., Tarboro, N. C. The program will be "Tuscarora Native Americans Around Edgecombe County, presented by David Perry.
- The **Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society** will meet Saturday, October 15, 2011, at 10:30 a. m., at the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C. The speaker and program are to be announced.
- The **Genealogical Research Services of the State Library** will be closed on Mondays due to budget restrictions. New service hours will be Tues. through Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm, Sat. 9 am to 2 pm.
- The **North Carolina Genealogical Society** Fall Workshop and Annual Meeting will be held October 29, 2011, in Raleigh, Barbara Vines Little, speaker. Her topics will be "Working with Colonial Records," "Land and Inheritance," "Backtracking Your Migrating Ancestor: A Methodology That Works," and "Taxes: Milk Them for All They're Worth." Additional information and how to register can be found at http://ncgenealogy.org
- If you have not been to a **LDS Research Center** in a while, you will be pleased to find the amount of research you can do online through their portals. The tedium of searching through rolls of microfilm is a thing of the past.

CADER PAGE (see William Lewis article, pg. 103)

The 1900 Town Creek household of Cader Page, b. Nov. 1871, farmer; included his wife of 12 yrs., Alice, b. Jan. 1874, 6 children, 5 living; and their children Floid, b. Aug. 1888; Ernest, b. Dec. 1890; Hayser, b. Jan. 1892; Russell, b. Nov. 1895; and Lee, b. Oct. 1898.

Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Howell and Sharpe

MARY ANN WALL MURDER INQUEST

Wilson Daily Times, November 20, 1914

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Inquest Held

Wilson Times, November 20, 1914

An inquest for further investigation to inquire into the suspicious circumstances of the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Wall was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock before Dr. Swindell.

At the inquest Louisa Walls, a daughter of the dead woman, stated that the last she saw of her mother before she was found next morning was when she went out with Moore after water.

Connie Walls stated that Grover Lucas and Harvey Williams came in about seven, and Wade Moore and Luther Watson came in later. Wade Moore was drinking. Grover Lucas and H. Williams left the house. Wade Moore came to my bed and began to talk and I told him to go away. He went to the fireplace and later went out with mother after water. We went to bed and did not know mother was dead until next morning. We left Luther Watson in the room. Mother never stayed out all night before. Thought she had gone to a neighbor's. Got up next morning and saw Wade Moore coming from the crib. Walked very fast. Brother Bennie reported there was a man in the crib and we all went out together and found mother. Bennie, the little boy, also testified to about as above and Minnie, another daughter about eleven, also testified. Bennie said he saw a man in the crib with black clothes on.

Grover Lucas, being sworn, stated he was 21 years old. He says that he and Harvey Williams went over and stayed until about nine. Wade and Watson came in and we left pretty soon. Luther had been to a corn shucking but was not drinking; Wade was drinking. Mrs. Walls gave Luther a cheroot or cigar and he smoked it. I talked with Mrs. Walls two hours and she appeared very well. I have been going there about three months. Don't think Moore was too drunk to know what he was doing. Moore has been there frequently.

Harvey Williams testified that he was 19. Knew Mrs. Walls three months. Went there Monday night with Grover Lucas. Everything like it always was. She seemed well and in good spirits. Wade Moore was drinking but Luther was not when they came in. We left at 9:15.

Luther Watson, who was with Wade Moore, testified he is 19 years old. Known Mrs. Walls four years. Never seen anything wrong with woman. Never seen her drink. Had been to corn shucking. Went to pay sociable call. Wade was drinking. Had no whiskey and if Wade had any did not know it. Mrs. Walls seemed well and in usual spirits. As far as her character is concerned and as far as I know it is good. Reached house at 9:30. Found Lucas, and the children went to bed. Wade said let's get a drink of water, and he and woman went out. I went home later after calling to Wade who did not reply. Asked if he did not think it strange that woman and Wade did not return, replied he did not think of it. Reached home about a mile away, at 12 o'clock. First time I saw Wade was yesterday when he came out of field from work.

Wade Moore was the next witness. He testified he went to the house with Gaston [sic] Watson. Is 23 years old. Known Mrs. Walls five or six years. She moves from place to place. I live half a mile from her. Went to corn shucking at Gaston Wilkinson's. Took two drinks of liquor and some wine. Some say Mrs. Walls' reputation bad for four years. Been a widow 3 or 4 years. Went out after water. We sat down on the doorstep. Came back and Luther was asleep on two chairs. Tried to wake him up. I left about 11 o'clock. While on doorstep talked about picking cotton. She had on stockings but no shoes. Did not go with her to corn crib. Did not take a drink at house; had bad whiskey and did not see her take a drink. Got up about 9 o'clock next morning and went to Lamm's Cross Roads to meet a party. Went by the Walls' house. Had bird dog with me. Heard of Mrs. Walls' death about 9 o'clock. Went in and viewed remains. Denied ever having illicit relations with the woman. Asked why young men went down there to see this woman, he replied, to have a time with the young girls. Went to Jake Lamm's and slept in the cotton that night. Lamm married my sister. There was no one at house there. Went next morning to Lamm's Cross Roads after load of fodder.

As we go to press the inquest had not been concluded.

[Editor's notes: In 1900, Porth Wall, born April 1850, farm laborer; and his wife of eighteen years Mary, born Jan. 1867, farm laborer; lived in the Town of Lucama. Mary had given birth to eight children and the five living children were Louetta, born Feb. 1887, farm laborer; Octavo, born Jan. 1888, farm laborer; Lula, born May 1892; Jart, born June 1896; and Louisa, born May 1899. All five were still living at home.

P. P. Wall, 39, married Mary Ann Balance, 23, both Spring Hill Township residents, on June 2, 1889, at the home of J. M. Howell, Spring Hill Township. The marriage was performed by John T. Revell, J. P., and witnessed by E. J. Barnes, J. M. Howell and S. J. Davis.

In 1800, Mary Ann Balance, 13, lived in the Springhill Township household of her parents Alvin Balance, 43, farmer; and his wife Sally, 35. Her siblings were Leroy, 19; Lindy J., 17; John W., 15; Loujena, 11; Stephen, 7; Catherine, 5; James A., 2; and Faddy G., 8 months, who all still lived at home.

Gaston T. Watson, born Dec. 1865, lived in the Springhill Township household of his mother Pennie Watson, born April 1836, widow, farmer. Her daughters Mary F., born Apr. 1877; and Zilphia C., born Sept. 1879; also lived in the household.
Wilson County, North Carolina, Federal Census of 1900, Joan L. Howell and Janice C. Sharpe; *Marriages of Wilson County, North Carolina, 1855-1899,* J. Robert Boykin, III; *Wilson County, North Carolina, 1880 Census,* J. Robert Boykin, III]

SEPTEMBER 2011 MEETING MINUTES

Sue Powell, President, welcomed guests and members to the meeting. She then introduced our speaker, J. "Jay" Arthur Evans, a WCGS member, who has been a Real Estate and Oil and Gas attorney for various public and private companies and is presently consulting for oil and gas exploration companies in Texas.

The topic of his presentation was "Oil and Gas Heir ? Are You Sure?" A power point presentation was given showing oil wells, charts, and exploration methods. A person can own the surface of his land but not the mineral rights underneath which could be owned by someone else. Mineral rights can be conveyed separately from the land. Laws have been passed to protect owners of both.

How is it determined who owns the mineral rights? Much like doing genealogy research, one has to look in many kinds of records. Some of them are Real Property Records, (Deeds), Probate Records, Tax Records. The search must go back in time to find unknown heirs.

Why do oil and gas companies care? They have to prove the owners and their percentage of ownership before they can drill for oil. They must find cousin's, aunt's, uncle's etc., whether or not they left a will. The State determines who gets what and how much.

Mr. Evans talked about different types of drilling and how computer programs help in the drilling process. He also talked about natural gas use and how in the west, vehicles are being converted to natural gas, and the process of removing natural gas from the earth. He explained the process used in Texas whereby a portion of the money escheated to the state goes to education and offered this as a method that North Carolina could use as well.

He described areas in our state that have been determined to have minerals that can be explored and mined and indicated that this would become a reality.

After a question and answer period, the business part of the meeting was conducted. The minutes were approved as written in June *Trees.* The treasurer's report was given. Sue gave the status of *Trees* indexes: 2010 mailed, 2008 not started, 2011 data entry has been begun.

The nominations of officers was presented. The committee has not found a person willing to serve as president. The vice-presidential nominee, Frances Roberson, has stated that she will withdraw if a presidential nominee has not been identified. The nominee for secretary is Carol Forbes and for treasurer is Wanda Taylor. Jerry Stancil is the nominee for the board. The presidential vacancy was discussed and Marion "Monk" Moore was nominated subject to his acceptance of the position. The nominations were left open to await his response.

New discoveries were described by Rusty Rains and Sue Powell. Announcements (see below) were made. The meeting was adjourned.

Carol Forbes for Frances Roberson

[Postscript: Mr. Moore declined the nomination.]

September WCGS Board Meeting

The board met with four members in attendance. The first order of business was the wonderful news that the copyright for *Founding Families* was received in August.

Our books have been scanned to USB drives and CDs in order that a master copy is preserved and print ready. The cost was $120.00. There was discussion about the Hugh B. Johnson files scanned for the same reason.

Due to work hours, Wanda will not be able to gather the material and get a calendar ready for printing this year. The cost last year, not counting Wanda's hours and preparation, was $716.00 and none of them have sold to off set some of the expense. Consequently due to the rising costs of printing and postage, the board decided not to print a calendar for 2012.

Also, due to lack of member participation in getting Trees ready for mail, the board decided to inquire about the cost of having the printer fold them before delivery. This would make a significant difference in the time needed to get Trees ready for mailing.

The lack of a nominee for the president's position was discussed and is of grave concern. Frances Roberson, the vice presidential nominee, has stated that she will withdraw if there is not a president.

Announcements were made about the annual state meeting on October 29th and that the State Library is closed on Monday's due to budget constraints.

The board adjourned.

Frances W. Roberson

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President's Message

When I wrote last month, I was very concerned about the future of WCGS without a president. Carol Forbes has agreed to serve another term, so we have leadership for another year.

This does not change the fact that the same persons continue to serve and do the work to keep the society going. We need for other persons to step up with new ideas to keep WCGS vital and growing.

As my term as president ends, I wish to express appreciation to the officers and board for their support and involvement to keep us on track.

Special thanks go to Wanda Taylor who has kept the business end of WCGS—the treasury and membership roster and to Frances Roberson who has taken minutes and promptly written them for *Trees*.

Horace Peele and Carol Forbes, our Internet Coordinators, have done a great job maintaining our web site and e-group to share our Wilson County roots and connections. Carol has also served as our Information Director, answering our phone calls and the questions of the callers.

Sincere appreciation goes Bobby Boykin, Lisa Henderson, and Albert Page and others who contiributed articles for *Trees,* and Judy Pate who typed computer ready newspaper *articles.*

Thanks to Larry Gaissert who has promptly filled the orders and shipped our publications.

Thanks also to our members who give us feedback to let us know when we have done something that helped them.

Sue Evans Powell

WCGS MEETING

Wilson County Public Library
Assembly Room, November 29th
7:00 p. m.

Please join us for our Annual Meeting on November 29th, when we will have reports of the 2011 activities, installation of 2012 officers, a "Show and Tell" sharing time, and a Social to honor our members and 2011 and 2012 officers.

The officers to be installed are
President: Carol Forbes
Vice-President: vacant
Secretary: Deborah Webb
Treasurer: Wanda Taylor
Member of the Board: Jerry Stancil (three year term)

Jeffrey Scott and Carroll Gaissert are currently serving continuing terms as board members.

Following the business session, we will have the popular **"Show and Tell"** period. Bring a family heirloom or photograph, a historical artifact, a research discovery, or something that you have done to preserve your heritage, and tell us the story about the item. We all enjoy seeing others' treasures and get ideas about ways that we can preserve or celebrate our own heritage.

We will conclude with a social period. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to add to the refreshment table.

This will be our last meeting for 2011. Our next meeting will be on January 31, 2012.

Dues are now being accepted for 2012. Consider giving a gift membership as a Christmas present.

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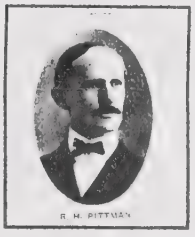
R. H. PITTMAN

Biographical History of Primitive or Old School Baptist Ministers of the United States
(Published in 1909, Reprinted in 1984)
Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Pittman, Elder R. H., of Luray, Va., was born in Edgecombe County, N. C., August 20, 1870. His parents—R. E. and Sarah (Pitt) Pittman, were of English descent. He is the second son and third child of a family of ten children and was raised on a farm with the usual advantages of a common school education.



In youth he possessed a thirst for knowledge and an ambition to attain positions of honor and usefulness. His father being limited in "this world's goods," could not at the time give him a business or collegiate education, but did willingly permit him to leave home for the purpose of obtaining an education at his own expense. Feeling that "where there's a will, there's a way," he left his father's farm in his seventeenth year of age, entered school at Whitakers' Academy, where he, in addition to the ordinary courses, continued his study of telegraphy begun while on the farm and the following year entered business as railroad agent and telegraph operator, and before his twenty-first year of age had, by close economy and strict attention to business, paid his school expenses and about five hundred dollars to his father.

This youthful success is mentioned with the hope that it may inspire in others self-exertion and a loyal parental service, for

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though his parents did not require from him all he did for them during this period, yet he felt his service belonged to them while he was under age, and feels he has learned by experience that one is never the loser, but is blessed, in such service.

About this time he took up the study of law, but soon became disinterested in law and greatly interested in religion; so much so, that he could not rest with a clear conscience until he went before the Primitive Baptist Church called Hopeland, in North Carolina and asked for a home among those dear people. This was December 31, 1892, and the following day amid ice and snow he was baptized by Elder A. J. Moore, was licensed in 1893 and ordained in 1900.

In 1893 he was given a year's leave-of-absence by his employers—the A. C. L. Ry. Co., which time he spent in the University of North Carolina, after which he resumed his work with above company, at Bishopville, S. C. [He] continued with them until 1906, when he resigned all business connection and the care of churches in South Carolina in order to serve churches in Virginia, where he is now located.

Before his ordination to the ministerial work Elder Pittman took an active interest in the moral, intellectual and business up-building of his home town, and has, since taking the care of churches, manifested the same interest, and when not engaged in his ministerial duties has labored in other callings.

He has in the past held several positions in R. R. service; served as a member of the board of directors of State Bank, and of various corporations; president of cotton seed oil mill, member of legislature of South Carolina (sessions 1904-05); president literary and debating society, lieutenant in home company of (S. C.) state militia, etc.; yet feels that all worldly pursuits should be subservant to, and sacrificed for, the work of the ministry when they materially conflict. In 1896 he was married to Miss Eunice Elizabeth Barnes—a true and loyal companion, and they have four children—Dalton, Leland, Virginia and Groveen, to cheer their pathway and brighten their home.

[Editor's notes: This article was typed as originally printed except for having been changed from one long paragraph to make it easier to read.]

SARATOGA SPLINTERS

***Wilson Times*, May 12, 1899**

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

May 10, 1899.

We are having nice weather at this time.

Mr. W. A. Fields, of this township, died on the 2nd at the home of his nephew, J. D. Thomas. He was about 75 years of age.

There have been several arrests made in the Turnage murder case.

Mr. B. N. Owens, of this county is to be married to-day to Miss Florence Carraway of Pitt county. A long and happy life to both of them is the wish of the writer.

Yours of the

Lost Cause.

[Editor's note: In the Wilson County 1900 Census, Benjamin Owens, born June 1872, grocery clerk, and his wife of one year Florence, born August 1874, lived in Wilson Township—ED 126]

1897 NEWS ITEMS

Wilson Times

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin

Wilson Times, August 13, 1897

Wilbanks Letter.

Aug. 10, 1897.

TO THE EDITORS OF WILSON TIMES:

Mr. J. R. Wiggins is very sick and continues to grow worse.

Mr. Richard Baker of Gardners, was sent to the Asylum at Raleigh, some time ago; the cause of his insanity is thought to be bad health. His people have heard from him, and he does not improve any.

Mrs. K. L. Pender, widow of J. J. Pender, died the 2nd day of Aug. She was sick only 7 days. She has been a true member of the Primitive Baptist church for many years. Mrs. Pender was highly respected by all who knew her. Elder Wm. Woodard preached a very good sermon at her funeral. She leaves many friends and kindred to mourn her loss. To them we extend our heart felt sympathy.

FRIEND.

Wilson Times, September 10, 1897

Races.

The races last Monday afternoon were largely attended, considering the tobacco sales and the business in the city always attendant upon the sales.

In the first race, Nancy Patchen, owned by W. J. Davis, won in 1.22. The others participating in this race were Hustler, owned by Larry Bass, and Henry owned by Selby & Hare.

In the next race, Simon, owned by Jno. Corbett, and Cheerful owned by Lucien Hadley, each won two heats, and the race was not decided. The time was 1.26. The other horse participating was Fanny, owned by Calvin Brownley.

The third and last race was the one which everyone wished to see. Salome, a beautiful mare, owned by F. W. Barnes and having a record of 2.28, trotted against Annie F., a pretty clean limbed mare, owned by J. D. Farrior. The former won. Time 1.15½.

All the heats were half mile ones, the track was in pretty condition and all present enjoyed seeing the horses go round. But who does not like to see two pretty horses vieing [sic] with each other in an innocent race?

Wilson Times, September 10, 1897

Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce met last Tuesday afternoon but the absence of [a] quorum prevented the transaction of any formal business. The plans for a new market house to be built near the present City Hall, were discussed and a committee appointed to get the sentiment of the members regarding it.

The canaling of Hominy Swamp and the enlarging of the present canal was urged and the same committee will get the sentiment of the members regarding this and submit the same to the city aldermen.

Wilson Times, September 24, 1897

Old Wilsonians.

Those who know, or have heard of Messrs. M. J. Edwards and Dr. J. J. Lawrence will be interested in the termination of a suit againt [sic] the Dr. by Mr. Edwards for the sum of $30,000, compromised on the payment of $7,500. Both of the above named gentlemen are natives of Wilson county. Dr. Lawrence many years ago having run a little drug store in this place and manufactured the celebrated remedy "Ressadalis" which Mr. Edward's was also interested in. Mr. Edwards claimed a royalty on the medicine, and it not being forthcoming sued for the same with the above results. Dr. Lawrence has been a very successful man, being rated at a million or more, and now resides in St. Louis, Mo., publishing a medical journal and manufacturing several of his proprietary medicines. Two leading Wilson lawyers were in the case. Judge Connor representing the defendant and F. A. Woodard Esq., the plaintiff.

Wilson Times, October 8, 1897

Runaway.

Last Tuesday, as Mr. Branch Bissett was driving into town down Park Avenue, the mule caught the line under its tail and becoming unmanageable, threw Mr. Bissett from the cart. In falling Mr. Bissett's head struck the wheel, causing a severe wound just above his eye. In turning the corner at Mr. Geo. D. Green's the cart was turned over and the mule thrown headlong. The harness was soon cut and the mule disentangled.

No damage was done to the mule or cart, but Mr. Bissett in addition to his painful wound, lost some of his tobacco.

Wilson Times, September 24, 1897

Connor Items.

Well Mr. Editor, it has been a long since you have heard from Rex. He has been so busy picking cotton he hasn't had time to write. After picking cotton all day, as hot as the weather has been, he don't feel like writing to a paper.

We farmers are feeling very bad by [sic] over the price of cotton.

Farmers have saved a lot of the nicest cotton around Connor I ever saw, but it has been very warm to pick it.

Last Saturday evening Miss Viola Brothers and Miss Petronia Boykin, of the North Carolina Blind Institute, gave a very interesting concert at the public school house near Miss Tempie Boykin's.

Last Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock we hooked up and drove down to Turkey Creek Bridge where we met Rev. H. M. Jackson and family and a large congregation of people to witness the baptism of Miss Hattie High and Miss Haddie Boykin. It takes Mr. Jackson to do that work up right, too. Then we returned to Pleasant Grove church where the candidates were received into full fellowship in the church. After the members extended the right hand of

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OBITUARIES NAMING THE DISEASE THAT CAUSED THE DEATH

Contributed by J. Robert Boykin, III

HENRY GRADY BARNES

Wilson Daily Times, June 26, 1911

Henry G. Barnes Dead.

Mr. Henry Grady Barnes, son of Mr. Elisha Barnes, and who resided with his father near Five Points, died Saturday night after a brief illness with typhoid fever. The interment was made yesterday afternoon at four o'clock at the family burial ground about three miles from Wilson on the Finch Mill Road.

The deceased was an excellent young man, just twenty years of age. He had been ill only a few days and was in Wilson last week.

The pall bearers were Messrs. G. W. Proctor, George Amerson, Larry Amerson, Redman Petway, Andrew Moore and Charles Williams.

[Editor's notes: Elisha Barnes, 21, married Rosa Hill, 18, on November 11, 1890, at the home of W. B. Ruffin in Wilson Township. F. L. Farmer, J. P., performed the ceremony, and B. D. Braswell, J. P. Amerson, and Albert Anderson were the witnesses.

In 1900, Elisha Barnes, born August 1869, farmer; and his wife of nine years, Rosa, born May 1870, four births, three living children; lived in Wilson Township—ED 123. Their children Henry, born January 1892; Mammie, born May 1894; and Ida M., born March 1896; lived with them.

There is not a record of a grave marker in the published Wilson County cemetery books.

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Wilson Times, November 9, 1911

RUBY LEE BELL

Ruby Lee, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Bell and granddaughter of Mrs. Jesse Dildy died Wednesday morning of infantile paralysis. The funeral was conducted by Rev. G. F. Smith, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The burial occurred in Maplewood cemetery.

[Editor's notes: The Maplewood Cemetery grave marker for Ruby Lee Bell, born September 14, 1908, died November 10, 1911, daughter of G. C. and Mittie Bell, seems to indicate that either the obituary or the grave marker bears an incorrect date.

The Maplewood Cemetery office records indicate the burial of Cleveland Bell (no date) and M. L. Bell, interred September 20, 1923, who may have been her parents. There is not a marker of either of them.

In 1900, Grover C. Bell, born August 1885, student, lived with his parents George W. Bell, born February 1862, carpenter; and his wife of eleven years, Margaret, born January 1865, one birth, one living child; in Wilson Township—ED 126.

George Bell, 25, married Margarett Gardner, 30, on September 23, 1889, at the residence of R. J. Taylor. The ceremony was performed by R. J. Taylor, minister of the Disciples Church, and the witnesses were S. A. Taylor, M. A. Taylor, and B. T. Drake.

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MARY ELIZABETH CARLISLE

Wilson Times, October 18, 1911

In Memoriam

Born Aug. 10th, 1856, died, October 13th, 1911, Mary Elizabeth Carlisle in her 55th year, of appendicitis. She was the daughter of Jack and Arcenie Satterthwaite who still survive her. She leaves not only her aged parents to mourn her loss but a husband, four children (2 sons and 2 daughters) Nora A. Thompson, of Wilson, N. C., Bessie L. Cobb, of Tarboro, N. C., and Johnnie B. and Thomas W. Carlisle. For over 30 years she and her husband marched together side by side sharing and sharing alike the burdens that naturally fall upon those who undertake to raise up a family. In all of those years she carried her part of the burden without a murmur or complaint. She guarded quietly and faithfully the sacred trust that her Father entrusted to her keeping. She died a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, Tarboro, where she had resided for over 20 years. A good neighbor, a kind friend, a loving and devoted wife and mother is gone. She is not dead but sleepeth. One of the earth's flowers transferred from earth and transplanted in Heaven there to impart its sweet fragrance throughout the celestial realm.

We cannot call her back to us but we can get ready and go to her. She was taken with appendicitis, Aug. 29th 1911, and after her family physician had faithfully treated the case and as a result of his diagnosis decided it was a case where the only hope depended upon an operation. It was decided to bring her to Wilson Sanitarium. She was brought here Thursday, Sept. 14th, and operated on immediately upon her arrival at the hospital. To the credit of those at the hospital in charge of the case, we concede the fact that the operation so far as efficiency and duty faithfully rendered goes, it was a marked success, but the infection had evidently gotten so deeply rooted before being brought to the hospital that even the operation and faithful service so beautifully rendered did not save her.

A Card of Thanks

We desire to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation to Drs. Moore and Dickerson for the very skilled and proficient manner in which they handled the case.

To kind friends and neighbors we are more than grateful for the many marked evidences of sympathy, helpfulness, and friendship offered us throughout the entire trying ordeal.

Lastly but by no means least we desire to take off our hats and make our most profound bow to Miss Sanforh and her very kind and faithful nurses. We

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are at a loss for words with which to express our deep sense of appreciation and gratitude. May the richest benedictions of Heaven attend you as you go along through life so kindly, lovingly and patiently administering to the wants and needs of suffering humanity. May the crowning epoch of such lives in this world be "the Life Beautiful" in the world to come.

Yours in sorrow,

L. S. THOMPSON,
Son-in-law.

Wilson, N. C., Oct. 17th. 1911.

LOUMISA COX

Wilson Times, September 9, 1911

Mrs. Loumisa Cox.

Mrs. Loumisa Cox who has been in very poor health for over twelve months and in an enfeebled condition from palsy for several years passed away last evening at eleven o'clock in the 70th year of her age at the residence of Mrs. M. B. Overman on Maplewood Avenue.

The funeral occurred this afternoon at four o'clock from the residence and was conducted by Elder J. F. Farmer of the Primitive Baptist church.

The deceased was a devoted member of the Primitive Baptist church and whenever possible was a constant attendant upon services.

She leaves two children, Mrs. M. B. Overman and Mr. Junius Cox both of this city.

The pall bearers were Mess. [sic] Ed. Farmer, Wm. Woodard, R. E. Hagan, Will Condon, David Woodard and G. W. Grady.

[Editor's notes: Loumiza Cox, born December 25, 1841, died September 7, 1911, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Also named on her marker were B. B. Cox, born July 21, 1838, died March 23, 1900; Junius Graham Cox, born December 14, 1862, died February 23, 1912; Sallie E. Cox, born June 27, 1865, died March 27, 1906; Margaret E. Cox, born December 2, 1869, died April 4, 1900; and Nellie Cobb Cox, born August 28, 1876, died February 28, 1898.

According to the 1900 Census, Loumiser Cox, born December 1843, dressmaker, married thirty-eight years, five births, three living children; and her daughter Sallie, born June 1865, dressmaker; lived in Wilson Township—ED 125.

In 1880, B. B. Cox, 39, mechanic; and his wife Luvenia, 38; lived on Vance Street in the Town of Wilson. Their children, J. G., 17, trader; S. E., 14, at school; M. A., 13, at school; M. E., 11, at school, and A. E., 3; lived with them.

Martin B. Overman, 25, Wayne County resident, married Mary A. Cox, 20, Wilson County resident, on December 29, 1886, at the home of B. B. Cox. The ceremony was performed by P. D. Gold, Minister of Gospel (Primitive Baptist), and was witnessed by J. P. Clark, J. G. Cox, and M. F. Cox.

In 1900, Martin Overman, born June 1861, merchant; and his wife of thirteen years Marry, born July 1867, five births, five living children; lived in Wilson Township—ED 125. Their children Loid, born October 1887, student; Fletcher, born August 1889, student; Edna, born October 1894; Nellie, born September 1896; and Christine, born September 1898; lived with them.

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EATMAN INFANT

Wilson Times, June 24, 1911

Death.

Yesterday afternoon the six months old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Eatman, who resides near Rock Ridge, died after an illness with whooping cough and measles. The interment was made this afternoon at the Pearson burial ground.

[Editor's notes: There is not a record of a grave marker in the published Wilson County cemetery books.]

MARY ELIZA FINCH

Wilson Times, July 5, 1911

Death.

Yesterday little Mary Eliza Finch, the three months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Finch, died after an illness with marasmus.

The funeral was conducted at the home on Park Avenue this morning by Rev. George F. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist church, and the interment made in Maplewood cemetery.

[Editor's notes: Marasmus was defined as "emaciation (wasting away) of the body."

Mary Eliza Finch, born March 25, 1911, died July 3, 1911, daughter of F. J. and Mary D. Finch, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. Frank J. Finch, born May 29, 1881, died September 21, 1936; and Mary Deans Finch, born May 21, 1881, died December 2, 1968; were buried in the same cemetery plot.

In 1900, Frances I. Finch, born September 1843, machinist; and his wife of twenty-seven years, Annie E., born June 1841, three births, two living children; lived in Wilson Township—ED 126. Their children Samuel H., born March 1879, machinist; and Francis J., born May 1881, machinist; lived with them.

In 1880, Frank I. Finch, 36, carriage maker; and his wife Ann E., 39; lived in the Town of Black Creek. Daughters Laura, 16; and Nettie, age 11; and son Samuel H., 1; lived with them.

Francis I. Finch, 30, married Annie E. Sauls, 30, on January 30, 1873, at the home of Jesse Sauls. T. J. Meacham, J. P., performed the ceremony, and Wyatt Yelverton, Mattie Bone and J. M. Newsome were the witnesses.

Francis I. Finch, born September 18, 1843, died January 7, 1903; and Annie E. Sauls Finch, born June

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14, 1841, wife of F. I. Finch, have a double marker in Maplewood Cemetery.

In 1870, Jesse Sauls, 51, farmer; and Margaret, 47, lived in Black Creek Township. Living with them were Wyatt Yelverton, 27, farmer; Margritt Yelverton, 23; Willie L. Yelverton, 4; John L. Yelverton, 1; Ann Lorcust 11, domestic servant; Ann Sauls, 28; and Della Aycock, 17.

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L. BENNETT JONES

Wilson Times, May 8, 1911

Mr. L. B. Jones Dead.

Mr. L. B. Jones died last night about nine o'clock at his home on Railroad street from appoplexy [sic]. The deceased was fifty-eight years of age and leaves surviving his wife and several children,

The funeral was conducted this afternoon at three o'clock at the home by Dr. C. W. Blanchard, pastor of the First Baptist church. The interment was made in Maplewood cemetery.

[Editor's notes: L. B. Jones, born February 25, 1859 (sic.), died May 7, 1911, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery.

In 1900, L. Bennett Jones, born February 1853, farmer; and his wife of seventeen years, Mary E., born February 1861, four births, three living children; lived in the Town of Wilson. Their sons Joseph M., born April 1864; William T., born September 1886, student; and Wade H., born December 1892; nephew Charley Jones, born March 1878, farm laborer; and niece Lucy Ella Jones, born July 1884; lived with them.

L. B. Jones, 28, Nash County resident, was issued a license to marry Mary Bullock, 18, Wilson County resident, on May 19, 1883. The license was not completed.

The Maplewood Cemetery records indicate that Mrs. Mary E. Jones was buried there March 12, 1933.

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EMMA MCGOWAN

Wilson Times, May 22, 1911

Death of Miss Emma McGowan.

We regret to learn of the death of Miss Emma McGowan, the youngest daughter of Mr. E. O. McGowan, that occurred yesterday afternoon at his home in Elm City. Miss McGowan was about twenty years of age and a splendid young lady beloved by a large circle of friends. Since she left school she has been teaching and won the confidence of her pupils and was therefore in a position to implant knowledge.

Her untimely death resulted from typhoid fever and she leaves parents and brothers and sisters to mourn her departure. The funeral services were conducted this afternoon by Rev. Mr. Hunt in the Methodist church in Elm City at five o'clock and was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

[Editor's notes: Emmie M. McGowan, "Daughter," born August 19, 1890, died May 22, 1911; E. O. McGowan, "Father," born September 19, 1850, died December 29, 1917; and Emmie M. McGowan, "Mother," born July 7, 1855, died August 19, 1945; were buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Elm City, North Carolina.

In 1900, Edward O. McGowan, born September 1850, banker; and his wife of twenty-five years Emma, born July 1855, seven births, all living; lived in the Town of Elm City. Their children Leada, born August 1876; Irma, born June 1878; Margaret, born April 1880, student; Mary, born June 1882, student; Oscar, born May 1885, student; Emma, born August 1887, student; and Thomas, born October 1889, student; lived with them.

E. O. McGowan, 25, married Emma Nunney, 20, both Wilson residents, on October 26, 1875, at W. Mungs' (?). The ceremony was performed by Frank H. Wood, minister and witnessed by J. T. Cobb, F. A. Woodard and C. A. Young.

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LUTHER RUSSELL

Wilson Times, July 16, 1911

Luther Russell Dead.

Luther Russell, 14 years old, son of Mr. John Russell, who resides on the farm of Messrs. Cozart and Eagles near this city, died yesterday of hookworm disease. The interment occurred in the cemetery near Fountain at one o'clock today.

J. L. TOMLINSON

Wilson Times, May 15, 1911

Mr. J. L. Tomlinson Dead.

Mr. J. L. Tomlinson died yesterday morning about six o'clock from colic and infection of gall stones. The funeral was conducted this afternoon at three o'clock from the home on Railroad street by Dr. J. C. Caldwell and the interment was made in the family burial grounds about four miles west of Wilson.

Mr. Tomlinson was a member of the Wilson Light Infantry and held in high esteem by all who knew him. Up to the time of his illness he held a position with the Hackney Wagon Company.

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The Wilson Light Infantry attended the funeral in honor of their dead comrade.

The deceased was unmarried and leaves only a sister surviving.

[Editor's note: Company F, 4th Regiment, North Carolina State Troops, was known as the "Wilson Light Infantry." The roster of that company does not include a Tomlinson. *North Carolina Troops: 1861-1865, A Roster,* Weymouth T. Jordan and Louis H. Manarin]

HARVEY WATSON

Wilson Times, October 4, 1911

Brother Harvey Watson.

With much sadness I wish to announce the death of brother Harvie Watson which occurred Sept. 27th, 1911. He was about 25 or 26 years old, just in the prime of life. He united with the F. W. B. at St. Mary's church about three years ago. Harvie has been true to his church and true to his Sunday school. He always filled his place and done his duty, where ever he might be. Brother Harvie suffered with the typhoid fever about four weeks. He had several hemorrhags [sic] of course the poor boy drain to death. It was very hard to have him taken from us and at times yet when the days seems [sic] lonely and the nights longer, but we try to console ourselves with the fact that God doth all things well, and our loss is His gain. Brother Harvie was loved by his brothers, his sisters, father and mother, friends and neighbors. ... I stayed with Harvie on Monday and Monday night before he died on Tuesday morning about 7 o'clock and give him medicine but it didn't do any good. God had called him and he had to go like the rest of us have got to do. Watch and pray and be ready for God is going to call us some day. Like he did poor Harvie. ...

J. R. Narron

ELLA BROCKETT WILKINS

Wilson Times, June 11, 1911

Death of Mrs. J. E. Wilkins.

Last night Mrs. J. E. Wilkins died about nine o'clock at her home on the corner of Whitehead and Gray streets, following apoplexy attacks yesterday morning from which she never rallied. Mrs. Wilkins had been in bad health for several months but able to be up most of the time. Her condition had been quite feeble and it was realized after yesterday morning's attack that there was little hope for her recovery. She remained unconscious throughout the day, the end coming at about nine o'clock.

The funeral will take place from the home tomorrow morning at ten o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. G. F. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist church, of which the deceased was a consistent member. Mrs. Wilkins was about sixty five years of age, July fourth being her birthday. She leaves five children, Miss Mary and Messrs. Will, Robert, James and Lenwood Wilkins. Her husband died several years ago.

Mrs. W. A. Fentress and Mrs. Alice Phillips, of Norfolk, VA., sisters of the deceased, arrived this morning to attend the funeral.

[Editor's notes: Ella Brockett (Mrs. James) Wilkins, born July 4, 1846, died June 16, 1911; and James E. Wilkins, born May 20, 1835, died November 23, 1904, were buried in the same plot at Maplewood Cemetery. His grave has a Confederate States of America marker. Also buried in this plot were

Ella A. Wilkins, born September 26, 1881, died November 8, 1883;

Mrs. Gertrude Applewhite Wilkins, born March 28, 1892, died May 17, 1971;

James E. Wilkins, Jr., born January 12, 1877, died September 15, 1954;

Lynwood K. Wilkins, born April 5, 1885, died March 6, 1933;

Miss Mary L. Wilkins, born November 29, 1873, died June 2, 1942;

Robert S. Wilkins, born October 6, 1878, died August 17, 1935;

William B. Wilkins, born September 13, 1875, died August 7, 1956;

William B. Wilkins, Jr., (Infant) born January 13, 1917, died June 11, 1917.

In 1900, James Wilkins, born May 1836 in Virginia, parents born in Virginia, contractor; and his wife of twenty-eight years, Ella, born July 1846 in Virginia, parents born in Virginia, six births, five living children; lived in Wilson Township—ED 125. Their children William, born September 1877, "macanic;" James E., born January 1878, bookkeeper; Robert S., born October 1879, clerk; and Lynwood, born April 1885, student; lived with them. William, James and Robert were born in Virginia; Lynwood was born in North Carolina.

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LEE P. WOODARD, JR.

Wilson Times, April 13, 1911

Little L. P. Woodard Dead.

Last night little L. P. Woodard the eighteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Woodard died at the home of his parents about five miles from Wilson after being afflicted for some time with paralysis. The funeral was conducted at Maplewood cemetery this city at five o'clock this afternoon.

[Editor's notes: Lee P. Woodard, Jr., born January 5, 1910, died April 12, 1911, was buried in Maplewood Cemetery. His parents Lee P. Woodard, Sr., born March 5, 1864, died June 12, 1941; and Mrs. Minnie Applewhite Woodard, born February 20, 1875, died October 13, 1943; were buried in the same plot.

Lee P. Woodard, 29, Gardners Township resident, married Minnie B. Applewhite, 19, Stantonsburg Township resident, on December 6, 1893, at the Methodist Church near Moyton, Stantonsburg

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WORLD WAR II DRAFT REGISTRATIONS (FOURTH REGISTRATION, a.k.a., "Old Man's Registration) APRIL 27, 1942

Database: Ancestry.com. U. S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 [database on-line] Original data: United States Selective Service System, Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II: Fourth Registration. National Archives and Records Administration

Contributed by Lisa Y. Henderson

[Note: The original draft registration cards for North Carolina and several other southern states were destroyed several years ago before they were microfilmed. The persons included here were born in Wilson County and living in other states at the time of their registration.]

Name	Race	DOB	Residence	Notes
Gaston, George Alexander	---	10/11/1891	2030 Diamond St., Philadelphia PA	Contact, Theodore Gaston, Warsaw NC; employer, Jerry Serlina, Philadelphia; /s/ George Alexander Gaston
Gatlin, Ben Borner	B	2/5/1885	513 Carter St., Petersburg VA	Contact, Dr. Matthews, Petersburg; fireman for government, Camp Lee VA; 5'8", 165 lbs.; black eyes and hair; black complexion; /s/ Ben Borner Gatlin
Gay, Charles Pearson	W	7/22/1891	Gay Manor, Virginia Beach, Princess Ann Co., VA	Tel. Va. Beach 888; contact, Charles Gay Jr., Washington DC; employer, W.M. Bott, Virginia Beach; 5'8", 180 lbs.; blue eyes, gray hair; dark complexion; scar on nose; /s/ Chas. P. Gay [Registered for WW1 draft in Norfolk VA]
Gay, Charlie	B	6/2/1887	Elm St., Blytheville, Mississippi Co., AR	Born Wilson County; contact, W.A. Dobyns, Blytheville; employer, Federal Compress Co., Blytheville; 5'11", 155 lbs.; black eyes, bald; black complexion; burn scar on neck, burned scar left ankle; /s/ Charlie Gay ["Charley Gay" registered for WW1 draft in Mississippi Co., AR]]
Gay, Samuel	B	2/2/1885	2412 E. Main St., Richmond VA	Tel. 25052; contact, Mrs. Samuel Gay, Richmond; employer, Richmond Dry Goods, Richmond; 5'10", 145 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; light brown complexion; /s/ Samuel Gay [Registered for WW1 draft in Richmond VA]
Gill, William Andrew	B	4/30/1892	246 Virginia Ave., Petersburg VA	Contact, Mrs. Lillie Gill, Petersburg; employer, H.P. Harrison & Co., Petersburg; 5'6", 192 lbs.; black eyes and hair; black complexion; /s/ William Andrew Gill
Godfrey, John Albert	W	8/11/1891	112 W. 39th St., Norfolk VA	Contact, A.C. Godfrey, Norfolk; employer, Norfolk Southern Railroad, Norfolk; 5'11", 155 lbs.; gray eyes, black hair; dark complexion; /s/ John Albert Godfrey [Registered for WW1 draft in Norfolk VA]
Godwin, Richard Thomas	W	3/14/1889	126 Pershing Ave., Carteret, Middlesex Co., NJ	Contact, Mrs. R.N. Bishop, Greensboro NC; employer, Warner Chemical Co., Carteret, 5'6", 170 lbs.; blue eyes, gray hair; light complexion; /s/ Richard T. Godwin [Registered for WW1 draft in Norfolk VA]

Goffney, Joseph Linwood	B	4/4/1892	334 Powell St., Norfolk VA	Contact, Patsie Spoon, Norfolk; unemployed (sick); 5'6 ½", 187 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; light brown complexion; scar on forehead; /s/ Joseph Lindwood Goffney
Gordy, Will	B	3/17/1896	5th St., Jericho, Nansemond Co., VA	Born Elm City NC; contact, Lloyd B. Street; employer, Farmers Manufacturing, Suffolk VA; 5'6", 136 lbs.; brown eyes, black hair; dark brown complexion; signed with X
Gray, Carey	B	4/13/1885	193 Monmouth Ave., Long Branch, Monmouth Co., NJ	Contact, Lilly Holmes, Long Branch; employer, WPA, Fort Monmouth, Red Bank NJ; 5'6", 165 lbs; brown eyes, gray hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ Carey Gray ["Cary Gray" registered for WW1 draft in Monmouth Co., NJ]
Gray, Claude	---	12/5/1881	2119 Nicholas, Philadelphia PA	Contact, Mrs. Bessie Gray, Philadelphia; employer, Joe Willis, Philadelphia; /s/ Claude Gray [Registered for WW1 draft in Chester PA]
Green, Arthur Lawrence Sr.	W	11/28/1896	221 Hatton St., Portsmouth, Norfolk Co., VA	Born Wilson County; contact, Mrs. A.L. Green Sr., Portsmouth; employer, U.S. Govt., U.S. Navy Yard, Portsmouth VA; 5'6", 145 lbs.; blue eyes, brown hair; ruddy complexion; /s/ A.L. Green [Registered for WW1 draft in Nash Co., NC]
Greene, Alexander	W	7/7/1890	24 Underwood Rd., Forest Hills, Queens Co., NY	Tel. BO8-3038; contact, Mrs. Corinne Greene, Forest Hills; employer, Alexander Greene & Co., New York City; 5'8 ½", 155 lbs.; brown eyes and hair; light complexion; /s/ Alex. Greene [Registered for WW1 draft in Manhattan NY]
Grice, Luther Bernice	W	2/21/1891	508 N. Main St., Wheaton, DuPage Co., IL	Tel. 2039; contact, Mrs. Luther B. Grice, Wheaton; employer, First Baptist Church, Wheaton; 6'2", 210 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; light complexion; /s/ Luther B. Grice [Registered for WW1 draft in Wilson NC]
Griffin, Josh	B	4/15/1882	2004 E. 10th St., Little Rock, Pulaski Co., AR	Contact, Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin, Little Rock; employer, Little Rock Gas & Fuel Co., Little Rock; 5'5", 135 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; dark brown complexion; /s/ Josh Griffin ["Joshua Griffin" registered for WW1 draft in Little Rock AR]
Griffin, Dockery Clifton	W	8/15/1895	3964 Fauquier Ave., Richmond VA	Tel. Richmond 5-5972; contact, Mrs. Annie S. Griffin, Richmond; employer, Virginia Branch, American Tobacco Co., Richmond; 6', 210 lbs.; brown eyes, gray hair; ruddy complexion; glasses; /s/ Dockery Clifton Griffin ["Clifton Griffin" registered for WW1 draft in Nash Co., NC s]
Grimmer, Vick	---	3/1895	State Welfare Home, Smyrna, Kent Co., DE	Tel. Smyrna 5611; contact, State Welfare Home, Smyrna; "guest at Home"; signed with X

IN MEMORIUM
GRACE WILLIAMSON TURNER

There is a great void in our genealogy community with the death of Grace Turner. She had developed the passion for genealogy many years ago and became a fixture on Saturday mornings at State Archives. Her car carried a bumper sticker that read "Out of my way! Archives opens at 9." She worked with others to transcribe and publish many collections of records found there. She enjoyed plowing through court records and the variety of cases therein. She was always willing to assist others to find answers to their research problems. She was almost like a staff person because people turned to her for assistance.

When WCGS was started, she joined and became a mentor to the society and those of us who were new researchers. She contributed material for publication in *Trees*, typing abstracts of records that she found in Archives. Later, she pulled from her files dozens of photocopies of records that she had found in Archives that could be transcribed for use in *Trees*. With her experience with the old records, she could help decipher the difficult handwriting.

Grace will be greatly missed.

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fellowship to the young sisters, the preacher announced that his purpose was to preach the funeral of Mr. R. M. Bissett who was a member of that church. His subject was, "Blessed are the dead," etc., and I tell you, Mr. Editor, he preached the biggest sermon that has been preached in old Pleasant Grove church in a long time.

(Obituaries Naming Cause of Death, continued from page 115)

Township. James S. Woodard, Sr., Baptist Minister, performed the ceremony, and Fannie Daniel, J. S. Woodard, Jr., and B. J. Thompson were the witnesses.

In 1900, Lee Woodard, born March 1864, farmer; and his wife of six years, Minnie, born September (?) 1875, two births, both living; lived in Gardner's Township. Their children Vina, born December 1896; and Rena, born September 1898; lived with them. His father William, born November 1830; and his wife of nine years Eleanor, born January 1839; also lived in the household.

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NEW BOOKS

- J. Albert Bass has added the Wayne County 1900 Nahunta Township to his collection of census abstracts. The census entries are made consecutively by house number and contain ten columns of information. Also included are genealogical reports for those person related to him and an every name index. $13.00 + $5.00 s&h + 6.75% N. C. sales tax.
- Horace Peele has announced that he is in negotiations to have his book, *The First Peelle Family in America,* printed. He points out that this book is not strictly a genealogy book. It is primarily a history-event book on the family and a research book for others beginning their research containing many typed wills and lots of deed extracts. It is an important record of the growth of the Peele family within America. This book has some genealogy in it, but the actual genealogy book will come later. The book contains more than 500 pages. The price will be determined by the number of pre-publication orders that he receives. He suggested that it might be around $25 for a soft copy or $35 for a hard copy (both may not be available). If you are interested in purchasing one notify him by email at horace@peele.info .
- *Bridger Family Chronicles, From the Old World to the New* has been published by Linda Bridgers Boyette and Doris Bridgers Capps-Owens. It is a genealogical book beginning with Henry Brygger (1480) of Godalming, Surrey County, England, and includes twenty generations down to the present. Family surnames are Brygger, Brydgere, Bridger, Bridgers and Bridges. It contains maps, a timeline, a gazetter, wills, deeds, census records, tax lists, birth certificates, marriage records, death certificates and a 654 page genealogical report on 6,500 descendants. Proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to restore the graveyard of James William and Mary Elizabeth Bridgers located near Macclesfield, Edgecombe County, North Carolina. The book can be purchased on http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/Bridger . The hardcover book contains 799 pages and costs $80.00 + shipping + N. C. sales tax. It can also be downloaded for $39.99.
- Steward Dunaway has compiled a collection of books dealing with county records housed in the North Carolina State Archives. The original records are photographed and each image is included in these books. A short transcript is provided to allow for indexing. The collection includes general historical books , revolutionary war historical books, and books that are specific to one or several counties. Those which focus entirely on our parent counties are

  Edgecombe County Mill Records (1760-1868)
  Nash County Mill Records
  Nash County Bridge Records

The latter of these has already been purchased for and given to the Wilson County Public Library from the Memorial Fund. The other two will be purchased, and other books in the collection will be evaluated for purchase. Email at Sedunaway@embarqmail.com for more information.

OCTOBER 2011 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was opened with a welcome to members and guests. Minutes were approved as written in the October issue of *Trees.* A brief treasurer's report was given by Wanda Taylor showing expenses of $341.12 and income of $142.12 for the past month. Much of the expenses were due to the conversion of our books from paper to digital cds and USB drives for backups and easier reprints. Right now both are at Sue Powell's but there will be three locations for safety reasons.

Sue reported work on data entry of the 2011 index has begun. The 2008 index has not been begun.

Lisa Henderson was in town recently. She and Joan Waddell worked on the Rest Haven Cemetery for two days recording information.

An incomplete list of officers was presented and nominations were made from the floor. The elected officers are

President: Carol Forbes
Vice President: vacant
Secretary: Debbie Webb
Treasurer: Wanda Tailor
Board Member: Jerry Stancil

Jeff Scott and Carroll Arthur are in continuing terms on the board.

Grace Turner and Sarah Kirby, both active contributors to WCGS, died recently. It was suggested that an article be written in *Trees* in honor of their work efforts through the years.

Several announcements were made of meetings and workshops. Horace Peele is publishing a book on the history of the Peele family and is taking prepublication orders.

At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. Douglas Rader was introduced. He is a principal scientist of oceans and estuaries with an environmental defense firm. He is an oceanographer and an amateur archeologist and genealogist with family ties to early Stantonsburg through marriage into the Peacock family who were early settlers in the area.

Quoting Dr. Rader "Piecing together the story of early settlement around Stantonsburg is complicated-unusually-by the landscape and underlying hydrography, as well as the historical geography and changes in governance (i.e. the political dimensions of 'who's in charge') that occurred in this region during the colonial period."

Using maps following the conversion of changing lines in the areas, showing pictures of artifacts starting about 1740 when the lower Roanoke and Tar Basins were "largely full of colonists, and others were pushing rapidly into the northern Piedmont and southern Piedmont from Virginia and South Carolinas," Dr. Rader gave a wonderful background of the migration during that time frame.

Those in attendance had a special treat.

Following a question and answer period the meeting was adjourned.

Frances W. Roberson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Corrections found while indexing 2011 issues:
  Parrott Mewborn, page 13 (Feb. 2011)
  Sucky J. Ellis and Henry Carter married Nov. 29, 1894. Page 34 (March 2011)
- The **Wilson County Public Library** has a new online catalog and website. The new address is http://www.wilsoncountypubliclibrary.org . The change has created a greatly improved "e-library" online catalog which allows you to search the library's holdings.
- The **Edgecombe County Genealogical Society** November meeting will be on the 19th when they will have a tour of Coolmore Plantation, and lunch and a tour of Myrtle Grove Plantation. To register for the tour, call Frankie Powell at 252-977-6775.
- The **Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society** will meet Saturday, January 21, 2012, at 10:30 a. m., at the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N. C. The speaker and program are to be announced.
- The **Genealogical Research Services of the State Library** will be closed on Mondays due to budget restrictions. New service hours will be Tues. through Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm, Sat. 9 am to 2 pm.
- **Wayne County Historical Association** will host an Author's talk and membership drive night Nov. 15, 2011. Emily Weil will discuss *People and Plantations: Wayne County, N. C., 1701-1860.*
- The North Carolina Genealogical Society is indexing the North Carolina estate files in conjunction with the Church of Latter Day Saints. Look at the Family Search website at www.familysearch.org to see the files that are already on line. It is free! The project is still going on with more files being indexed and audited every day.

WCGS Publications: Please call or write for a catalog with complete details, or order and pay on our web site.
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Note: Please see next page for additional items that are available for purchase.

Census records abstracted by J. Albert Bass with family data added from his files.

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___	1870 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$12.00
___	1880 Wayne County, Great Swamp Township	$14.00
___	1880 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$18.00
___	1900 Wayne County, Great Swamp Township	$ 6.00
___	1900 Wayne County, Nahunta Township	$13.00

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Maps

___ Wilson County Historical Map	$5.00
___ Confederate Field Maps #1, #2, #3, #4 (State choice) each at	$5.00
___ Town of Wilson, Map 1872	$5.00
___ Town of Wilson, Map 1882	$5.00
___ Wilson County Waterways	$5.00

Miscellaneous (tax and shipping included on these items only)

___ Cemetery Finder (paper) donation	$5.00
___ Wilson Co. Estates Inventory (paper) donation	$5.00
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